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Warning on Europe's 'Trojan horse'

Major takes poll battle to Brussels

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MOHN MAJOR will today la solame European Union polities for mass unemployment hacross the continent and give a warning that acceptance of the social chapter in Britain would lead to all the problems that "brought us to our knees" in the 1970s.

The Prime Minister will deliver his attack in Brussels; but his underlying message will be aimed at the domestic audience as he seeks to highlight the biggest policy difference between the Conservatives and Labour. Labour has promised to sign the social chapter — which Mr Major will liken to a Trojan horse, saying: "Over-regulation does not work. As a result, nor do

millions of Europeans." He will tell businessmen at a meeting organised by the European Policy Forum that if Labour did sign up, there could be no turning back. saying: "It is no good pretending that once you have signed. you back out if you change, your mind. It is not some mailorder mistake you can send

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He will also state his belief that the EU is at a turning

the British vision of an enterprise economy and the Euro-pean "social model". Mr Major's remarks are, however, likely to be dis-missed by fellow European leaders: Alain Juppe, the French Prime Minister who held talks with Mr Major at Downing Street yesterday, immediately denied that the social chapter had hindered

job creation in France. And John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said that "no amount of lies about labour will cover up Tory divisions on

Mr Major's speech comes as the Government confronts Europe as a key election issue, Yesterday Michael Heseltine tried to depict the Tories as the better defendants of British interests when he unveiled a new poster showing a lion with a red tear in its eye and the slogan "New Labour, Euro Danger. And Mr Major clearly believes that the social chapter provides more fertile ground than the single currency for attacks on the

There was a surprisingly muted response to Robin

might join a single currency. Ministers said that it proved Labour was adopting a fudge and enter approach as opposed to the Government's negotiate and decide pos-ture. But pro-European ministers were saying privately that the Government had to show extreme care in responding to Mr Cook: "The whole busi-ness world is asking questions about the single currency and the impact of not going in. We cannot wash our hands of it. Our line must be to decide what is in Britain's best

Mr Major is, however happy to emphasise the gap with Labour on social policy and tonight he will be caustic about Europe's attitude to competitiveness, which he regards as fundamentally flawed. He will say: Today Europe faces a new challenge - how to keep our companies competitive and our people in work in the face of intense Criticity the choice is between two different philosophies: the

social model." He intends to contrast costs in Germany, France and Italy with those in Britain and point to what he says will be damaging new regulations under the social chapter including shifting the burden of proof in sex discrimination cases to the employer and increasing rights for part-time

M Juppe, however, insisted esterday that there was no link between the social chapter and job creation - and he pointed to the recent drop in

French unemployment.
The French Prime Minister also reaffirmed his belief that economic and monetary union would go ahead on time in 1999, with France as a perticipant, and he urged Britain to join at the outset. Kenneth Clarke was meanwhile at an economic summit in Switzerland, repeating his doubts that the single currency target date could be met.

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before the win, but at one time I could only afford second-hand clothes from Oxfam and

it's difficult to change the habit

of a lifetime, even with all that

"It's nice to be able to invest

the money to provide a secure

future for all of us, so I have no desire to start spending it all.

We are still going to keep the

business going and have not

She and her husband, John,

missed a day's work."

money in the bank.

Changing fortunes of the Lottery

as it is."



Tory lion is a pussy cat really

BY ANDREW PIERCE

hero in the latest Conservative

Mawhinney, the party chairman, had not done their

had taken a lead role in Fierce Creatures, the new John Cleese film. They even quoted a critic who declared: "King has never been such a roaring

agency, was such a wimp in

advertising agency MC Saat-chi was tempted by King, who lives in a private 200 at Chipping Norton, Oxford-shire. His owner is Sally Chipperfield who, like Mr Major, is from a famous circus

MC Saatchi ordered Amazing Animals to sign a confidentiality contract because it



PVIH COURS : 5 *How could you have worked for the Tories when you look at our

is easy to see why. This particular fion, former star of the Kestrel beer commercials The lion's aversion to travel among others, is hardly the may date back to when he was traditional King of Beasts. A a cub and was stranded with

two others in a trailer on a

motorway with Mrs Chipper-

field. "Ive got three hungry lions stranded on the motor-

way," she told the , which

King has never been on

safari or appeared in a circus.

He is not a circus animal. He

is much happier in his 200," said Mr Club. "He is as gende

as a lamb. I have never heard

him roar."

responded in record time.

five days a week at the private 200 with Queenie, his mate. He spends the remaining two days with a male partner. "If he spends too much time with his female partner he becomes fractious," said a spokeswoman for Conservative Central Office. "It is a real

member of Equity, he spends

problem with lions." MC Saatchi chose the lion, a popular symbol of Britain in heraldry since it was adopted by the Duke of Flanders in 164, for its attempt to wrap the Tories in the Union Flag because there are three in the arms of England. The lion in the arms of Scotland is derived from the Earls of Northumberland and Huntingdon, the

home of John Major. King, who was born the year before Margaret Thatcher's third election victory, has little time for the European ideal. Jim Club, who runs Amazing Animals with Mrs Chipperfield, said: "He does not travel well. He has never

Bhutto refuses to accept 'rigged' election

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

THE leader of Pakistan's Muslim League, Mian Nawaz Sharif, was confident of vicfory early today after a general election in which voter turnout fell to an unprecedented low a sign of despair with a chaotic political system that seems to hold no prospect of stability or economic progress. Benazir Bhuno, whose Paki-

stan People's Party was dismissed from power in November, said she expected to lose because of rigging and that she would not accept the result if defeated. Her remarks dash any hopes of a change which might restore Pakistanis' faith in democracy or give the economy a chance

Miss Bhutto relies more on street power than conventional opposition, a tactic also used by Mr Sharif in opposition. Strikes and demonstrations are a principal reason for the nation's near-bankruptcy.

These tactics drew criticism from Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian Prime Minister heading the Common-wealth group of observers. "People have become fed up with the behaviour of governments in Pakistan. We have met many people who believe the democratic process has letthem down," he said.

Mr Fraser said the "basic had been fulfilled, although he declined to use the term "free and fair". Those who had wanted to vote were able to do so in the way they wanted.

Lahore, the Punjabi capital and Mr Sharif's home town, exploded in celebration before midnight in anticipation of a Muslim League victory.

The new Justice Movement led by Imran Khan, the former cricket captain, was heading for a resounding defeat.

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Tory mailshot to shareholders

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ADAM JONES

THE Prime Minister yester-day launched a £500,000 campaign to portray Labour as the "enemy of enterprise" by writing to private shareholders telling them that they would lose money under a Labour government

More than 23 million letters bearing Mr Major's signature, carry a warning that recipients will be penalised by Labour's plans to impose a windfall tax on privatised wilities to punish their

success". Conservative Central Office bought lists of shareholders in the privatised utilities at an estimated cost of £200,000.

Reluctant hero's:

Colditz story

The death of Birendra Nath

Mazumdar, who lived in re-

of Galmoton, has brought to

light the story, kept secret for

fifty years, of a refuctant hero

who made a "home run" from

The Times on the Internet

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ment in the Devon village

The letters and postage are believed to have cost an extra £300,000. The letters were to owners of shares in Railtrack, the regional water and electricity companies, PowerGen and National Power, and British Energy, the miclear power operator. Further letters to shareholders of other privatised commanies, such as BT, BA and British Gas, have not been ruled out. There may also be letters on controversial issues such as the social

The campaign is being run with the assistance of Claydon Heeley International, a direct marketing agency.

THE sharp contrast between the way in which lottery winners haridle their fortunes

after they have become over-

night millionaires was re-

vealed yesterday.

Penny Haigh, who was £1.3 million, still buys her clothes

in Oxfam shops and has been

away on little more than a

weekend visit to see friends in

Britain since her win last year.

Esther Tracey, who won the

same amount, has been working her way around the

world on exotic holidays while

Mel Eddison has spent all of

his £2.5 million jackpot in 18

months on a large house,

expensive cars and paying off

business debts. The three were

among 25 winners, worth a

total of £40 million, invited to

a champagne launch of the

Lottery's first mid-week draw

Mrs Haigh, 46, from Don-

caster, who helps run the

in London.

ground of its new political the film that he was writtenout and not even given a stalkweapon firmly under wraps. It and bred in England. Many of his clients travel here to see him. He is one of a kind."

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poster campaign was yesterday hailed by the party high command as the star of a big new film. But it soon emerged that the ageing celebrity, known as King, gave such a poor performance that it ended on the cutting room floor.
Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Brian

homework when they extolled the filmstar qualities of King at the poster's launch vesterday. King will appear on thousands of billboards in an attempt to depict John Major as a Lionheart battling a European jungle of red tape. Party officials unveiled the poster with a boast that King, the only domestically trained lion in the United Kingdom,

But the lion, who is handled by the Amazing Animals

business to their two sons, but

they have no plans for a

hominous retirement. Mr Haigh said: We don't want to

retire — we just enjoy our life

Mr Eddison, who was al-

ready a self-made millionaire

from his pallet company and garage business, has enjoyed

18 months of "non-stop spend-

ing". He learned of his win

while holidaying at his French



housing situation?"

gone. I bought a half million

pound mansion, a £60,000 Mercedes, gave £380,000 to family and friends and paid

all try business debts off. It

was fun while it lasted, but I've

still got my French chateau

lar, East London, an unem-

ployed nursery nurse, has

been on so many holidays

since her win in 1995 that she

has "lost count". Those she can

remember include Paris, Flor-

ida, a Caribbean cruise, Ma-

deira, Wales, Ireland, Tener-

ife, Lanzarote and even

Blackpool, Clacton, Southend

She is renting a "yuppie"

Docklands apartment over-

looking the Thames, but is

hoping to buy a house near by

with an extra bedroom - just for her new clothes. When

asked whether she has devel-

oped a penchant for designer

clothes, she confesses: "I still

and Manchester.

Miss Tracey, 26, from Pop-

and my Spanish villa."

Stepfather arrested in Zoe hunt

POLICE investigating the disappearance of Zoe Evans, aged nine, yesterday rearrested her stepfather (Kathryn Knight writes).

Zoe, who would have been ten on January 27, went missing from her home in Warminster, Wiltshire, on January 11. Despite police searches, still continuing yesterday, she has not been found.

Her mother, Paula Evans, 28, and stepfather. Miles Evans, 23, a private in the Royal Logistic Corps, were arrested and questioned for three days last month, but released without charge. Yesterday Mr Evans was rearrested.

Mrs Evans checked on Zoe, tucking her in, at 10.30pm on Friday, January 10. The bed was empty the next morning. Fears for her safety grew when two items stained with her blood were found on a

railway embankment.

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MPs' surge of millennial fever hits rock bottom

the millennium. This A the millennium rus was the description of-Great Grimsby) of the Millennium Dome planned for Greenwich. It contributed little to the millennium debate, but did settle what has been for years an undecided question at Westminster. Is "burn" a Parliamentary expression?

It was open to Madam Speaker yesterday to rule the term unpartiamentary, and tell Mr Mitchell to withdraw it. She did not. MPs should note: henceforward and until the dissolution of Parliament, which was exotic. To ask his question, he sported an enormous tie featuring colourful pictures of some of the stars of Baywatch, dominated by Pamela Anderson in a red swimsuit. Even in a marginal constituency like Grimsby, there should surely be limits to the lengths to which intending parliamentary candidates should go to catch the voter's

Sporting busts, so to speak, and alluding to burns, Mitchell's real concern was to please the electors of Grimsby. MPs of all parties are the worst people to shape the forthcom-



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

ing millennium celebrations as their pronouncements are designed not to create a suitable event for the nation, but to curry favour with their

Thus, London MPs are mostly in favour of Greenwich as the site; MPs from the Midlands and the North thirsty for news which will do the project down. Mr Mitchell went on to describe Greenwich as a place nobody wanted to go

to and couldn't find if they did. "Like Grimsby!" shouted the Tories, Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, accused him trather enviously, we thought) of "shameful ama-

Next to pile into the assault on Greenwich was the West Midlands Tory, Sir Norman Fowler (Sutton Coldfield). A wounded Mrs Bottomley protested that millennium money had gone to Birmingham, too.

his bitterness.

But sketchwriters with long memories understand. We remember an incandescent Sir Norman, last year, when a Tory colleague, Michael Iopling (Westmorland and Lonsdale), recommending Greenwich for the exhibition, told MPs that for most people in Britain Birmingham was just a place you went through on the way to London. Sir

will never now be reconciled to Greenwich.

Mr Mitchell will not be reconciled to Greenwich, either, but probably has doubts

Norman nearly exploded. He

about Birmingham. Sir Nor-man is as opposed to Grimsby as he is to Greenwich. Scottish MPs are sceptical of any English location, and English MPs scathing about Scotland. Nobody supports Wales, except the Welsh.

The London MP, Toby Jessel (C. Twickenham) supports Greenwich. Recently. Mr Jessel has been developing quite a line in startling argu-ments which nobody had thought of before, dinching the debate, Last week he disposed of the Royal Yacht controversy after a back-ofthe envelope calculation that it would cost us all less than £1 cheap for a large yacht. Yesterday, he confounded

us with an unanswerable case for celebrating millennia in style: people were, he said, "absolutely astonished and uterly amazed" at opposition to the plans, because "you only get a millennium once in a thousand years".

There was a stunned silence. MPs had not thought of this. It was all so obvious! This was our last millennium until the next one! Opposition to the cost just fell away. Shocked, himself, by the knockdown simplicity of his argument, Mr Jessel sat down

Dust leak affects 6 at Sellafield

Six workers at the Sellafield nuclear waste reprocessing site were contaminated after a leak of radioactive dust. They got the dust on their skin while dismantling equipment in the Magnor plant. Staff were evacuated when the release was detected soon after 9pm on Sunday. BNFL said the workers suffered "minor personal contamination" and had re-

ceived decontamination treatment. No radioactivity was released outside the

plant. The affected staff and have been suspended from working in radioactive areas.

Schools to close

Two primary schools in south after being judged as failing.
Parents are being consulted about the transfer of children to nearby schools. Caldecot School. Camberwell, is to close next year, and Santley School, Brixton, in the sum-

Murder clues

South African police said that they have uncovered "strong leads" in their search for the killers of Stuart Gaskell, a Briton who emigrated to South Africa with his wife last year. Mr Gaskell, 26, was shot twice in the head on Friday in Cape Town, just as his wife was preparing to tell him he was to be a father.

£855 m BSE cost

The BSE crisis cost the Goverument £855.1 million between April I and December 31 last year, Angela Brown-ing, the Junior Agriculture Minister, disclosed last night. She said in a Commons written reply that compensation to farmers amounted to £553.3 million, £161.8 million for abattoirs.

Test traps rapist

A rapist who scrually assaulted a 14-year-old girl was ailed for 10 years at the Old Bailey yesterday. Paul Mat-thews, 20, of Redbill, Surrey. did not let the girl, who lived locally see his face, but he was trapped by a genetic fingerprinting test. He was found guilty of rape and two charges of indecent assault.

Inquiry backed

Relatives of the 13 unarmed men shot dead by paratroop-ers on Bloody Sunday in Londonderry 25 years ago won support from Sir Nicholas Scott, the former North-ern Ireland Minister, when he backed calls for a new inquiry. He said the 1972 inquiry by Lord Widgery was unsatisfactory.

Informant help 👔

Underworld informants helped police to seize £20 million worth of drugs and 100 guns last year, Scotland Yard reported. The use of "grasses" to penetrate. London's gangland was re-vealed as the Yard faced criticism over its methods of getting information on the Jamaican-based Yardies.

Eviction call

A group of women in Stirling have organised a petition which they claim has more than 2,500 signatures calling on Stirling council to remove Alan Christie, 50, a convicted child molester, from bed and breakfast accommodation at a hostel in the town and to relocate him out of the

Labour denies policy switch on single currency

LABOUR yesterday sought to play down any suggestion that it had softened its position on a single European currency after Robin Cook's admission that a Labour government

might join in 2002. Leadership sources denied that the Shadow Foreign Secretary had signalled any policy change, and insisted that he was not advocating that Lab-our should definitely join in 2002. The party still had its options open and the people would decide through a referendum, they insisted.

However, during the past few months Labour has appeared to shift its position to present a more Eurosceptic stance over monetary union after opinion polls reflected growing antipathy to the curo. Last October senior party sources started speculating

that a Labour government might not enter the first wave of a single currency. The next month the party announced that it would hold a referendum on a single currency. The Tories, in danger of being outflanked, then agreed that it was "very unlikely" that

a Conservative government

would sign up to a first wave Yesterday Mr Cook also suggested that it was unlikely that a Labour government would sign up to a single currency in 1999. But he did suggest that Britain might enter EMU at a later date, if it had proved a success and was stable. "I think it would take a

2002," he said. The Eurosceptic Mr Cook was said to have been horrified that his comments were interpreted to mean that Labour would sign up to a single currency in five years' time. Party sources said that he had reiterated the line that he had given in interviews last November, which had widely been interpreted as Eurosceptical.

But the new rhetoric conceals a growing awareness that taking a too-Eurosceptical approach could jeopardise the business vote and deter wavering Liberal Democrats and pro-European Tory

Tony Blair and his colleagues have been assiduous in courting big and small businesses during the past few weeks and Mr Cook will make a keynote speech on business

and Europe on Wednesday.

The remarks by the head of Toyota last week that Britain could lose inward investment if it refused to join a single currency were supposedly a warning shot to the Tories. But Labour is aware that if it term, it risks losing the business vote it has already attracted. "If on the other hand we keep the option open, and the Tories close it, we could bring them all over to our side," one source said.

Labour strategists point out that most businessmen are

wary of being left behind if

other European countries go ahead with EMU in 1999. Party sources also argue that although poils have shown that the public are generally against Britain entering a single currency, their opinion changes dramatically they are asked "Should Britain join if it proves to be a

Private polling has also shown that the public fears being left behind in Europe. We have to handle both perceptions — either that Europe will subsume us or that we will be left behind."

one strategist said.
It is believed that Mr Blair. Gordon Brown, a pro-European, and Mr Cook have had a number of meetings during the past few weeks to try to devise a middle way that will also appease pro-Europeans in the party.

The Labour leadership intends to contrast the "opportunistic" rhetoric adopted by the Tories with a more realistic approach, based on economic assessment alone. It will point to the economic obstacles that have to be cleared before going into a single currency, but it will also outline the dangers --high interest rates, lack of stability and growing unemployment - if others go ahead with a successful euro and

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John Major with Alain Juppé, his French counterpart, during his one-day official visit to Britain yesterday

Rifkind rallies Swedes to defend nation state against integrationists

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MALCOLM RIFKIND yesterday challenged Germany, France and others pressing for more European integration to explain their ultimate objective.

Otherwise, the Foreign Secretary said, the people of Europe would remain concerned about the future of their national institutions and values. Speaking in Stockholm at the start of a

tour to drum up support for Britain's stance in Europe, Mr Rifkind accused some EU members of trying to build a European superstate. They see the nation state as obsolete. They want to do away with the notion of co-operation. between sovereign governments. They supranationalism and inter-governmen-

want a continuous process of further

integration."

He told the Swedish Institute for International Affairs that many in Britain feared the inevitable result would be a federal superstate". Nation states would have no more control over the lives of their citizens than parish councils did He urged leaders calling for faster integration - whom he did not name - to answer the central questions: what was their unimate destination? How much political and economic integration were they

Mr Rifkind said Britain's vision for Europe was not one of rolling integration towards a single federal destiny. "It is about finding the right balance between talism; using supernationalism where it is necessary, but only where it is necessary. He added: "Britain's vision is not anti-European. We believe that closer co-operation in Europe is in all our interests. But it must be done in a way which reflects the reality of what our citizens feel comfortable with. He called on the Swedish people to support Britain's call for a Europe that represented all the Continent. not just the wealthy Western half, that was flexible in meeting global market challenges and that worked effectively with Nato. The Swedes are at least as hostile to EU integration as Britain.

Later, in remarks to reporters, he explicitly challenged Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and President Chirac of France to explain their goal in Europe.

Faithful rally to save Sir George

By James Landale, political reporter

THE bitter Tory divisions in when supporters of Sir George Gardiner demanded a fresh meeting to reinstate the ousted MP as their prospective parliamentary candidate.

Senior local officials gave a warning that the move could mean that the Tories will go into a general election without having picked a candidate for the Surrey seat.

More than 50 party members have signed a letter, delivered yesterday, calling for a meeting at which last week's decision to deselect Sir George could be overturned. The meeting has to be held if a certain number of members put their name to it. Sir George's supporters

and vote on a motion that the association "expresses its con-tinued confidence in Sir George Gardiner as MP for Reigate and declares that the decisions reached at the special general meeting on Janu-

want the meeting to debate

ary 30 are invalid".

Sir George was deselected last Thursday by 272 votes to 213 after his local members lost patience with his criticism of John Major. He is threatening to take legal action.

Senior party officials on Reigate Tories' executive council met last night to discuss the new demand and whether it would prevent them beginning the process of selecting a new candidate to replace Sir

Whitehall mandarins face work in private sector.

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

SENIOR mandarins in Whitehall in future will have to serve time with a private company. But the catch for officials filling the top 500 posts in government is that they will have to work for a private company on Whitehall rates of pay.

The move has been approved by Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, to speed up the interchange between companies and government departments.

Such exchanges have been tried before, but the number of staff moving in and out of government has remained at 400 in five years. Mr Heseltine asked business-

men for advice, and yesterday a report from a group chaired by Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of private health firm Bupa, recommended much tougher targets for the Government

Sir Bryan believes government problems could more readily be solved with a fresh eye from outside. "The Lord Chancellor's department, for example, has never had a private sector secondee. Yet we think it could benefit. The courts system has a terrible problem with listing that is not dissimilar from

queueing."

He also thought the Department of Social Security might learn from companies in customer services.

Sir Robin — from Harrow, Oxford, via the Treasury, a secondment to the Bank of **England to Cabinet Secretary**

 yesterday welcomed the move. He pointed out that eight permanent secretaries were already recruited from the private sector - for example, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mr Heseltine emphasised

the need for a two-way exchange with the private sector. He suggested civil servants might learn to be more numerate and take faster decisions, while outsiders in Whitehall would learn about strategic appraisal, longer-term judgments and a more analytical approach.

Scotland's Tories deny breakaway

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent SENIOR Scottish Tories yes-

terday dismissed reports that a breakaway party would be set up north of the border if Labour wins the general election and creates a devolved parliament. It was claimed that the rebel

strategy, being considered by some Tory activists in deliance of the party high command, would involve the party being renamed the Scottish Unionist Party to enable the development of a distinct and alternative Scottish agenda.

Tory candidates would stand under that banner in Scottish Parliament elections, according to yesterday's Scotsman. However, the newspaper report was dismissed as preposterous by Sir Michael Hirst, the Scottish Tory par-

ty's chairman. Despite the denials, some Tory activists said that the party might have to review its operation if it lost heavily at the general election, and failed to win the the devolution campaign:

The Scotsman said discussions were so advanced that financing of up to £3 million a year had been put forward. George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, said: "The sensible wing of the Scottish Tory party has now accepted that devolution is inevitable and that they must prepare for it. While John Major will be

fighting the coming election on a fiercely anti-devolution platform the Scottish Conservative Party has effectively thrown in the towel.

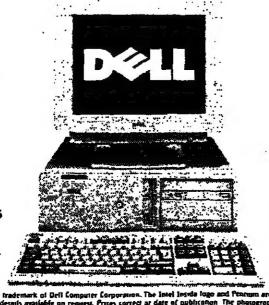
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'Road rage taken to its extreme'

Driver shot men in head after he hit car, court told

BY ADAM FRESCO

A MOTORIST saw his two friends shot in the head at close range by another driver after a minor accident in a case of "road rage taken to its yesterday. He then had to run for his life as the gumman chased him.

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Benjamin Worae, 34, from Ghana, whose fiancée was expecting their third child, was hit twice and died instantly. Kwame Davies, also 34, a political refugee, had his jaw fractured.

Francis Sarkodie, 35, told the jury that he ran for his life after watching Lee Gardiner, 25, a small-time car dealer and self-professed gangster, pull out a gun and shoot his

The attack took place after a turbo-charged Renault 5. al-legedly driven by Mr Gardiner, hit Mr Sarkodie's car while trying to overtake him on the inside, and then drove across him to try to make him stop, Southwark Crown Court was told. Mr Sarkodie, from Palmers Green, north London, said: "I felt a slight impact and the driver, who was white, drove across my path and then back again as if he wanted me to stop. He wound down his window and waved a long stick. I was abaid ... and decided to drive

He drave as fast as he could as Mr Worae and Mr Davies gave him directions to another friend's house in Finsbury Park, north London, the court was told. Once there he parked and they got out.At first there was no sign of the pursuing motorist, but as they stood on the pavement they suddenly saw him running towards them shoung and

waving the stick. Mr Sarkodie, a clothing firm worker who is also seeking political asylom, said through an interpreter: "As soon as I parked the car I saw the white man again running towards us, still holding the stick. He was shouting and screaming, saying, You have to pay me, you have to pay me, you have to pay me. He seemed very angry.

Benjamin said, Why should we pay you? Then I saw him null something from

saw him pull something from his trousers. It looked like a gun. Then he shot them, He was swearing as he shot. He was about three feet away from Kwame when he fired. Then he shot Benjamin, more than once."

Mr Sarkodie added: "After shooting them I saw him turn towards me and point the gun at me, so I ran. He started following me and I ran into some trees. I was very shocked by what had happened and didn't know where to go. I was screaming for someone to call

Fortunately, his pursuer gave up the chase as soon as he reached the safety of near-by trees, he said. When he turned round, the killer had

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said that the case was a dramatic example of how a total loss of self-control by a driver could cause him to behave in an uninhibited and,

in this case, murderous way. This is road rage taken to its extreme," he said.

He added: "It was as clear an intent to kill as one can imagine. The fact that the gunman seemed enraged and out of control, having lost both his head and his temper, is no excuse. It is no consolation to the victim that he may not have lost his life if the defen-

dant had not lost his temper."
Immediately after the attack
the jury was told that Mr.
Gardiner "puffed himself up" and witnesses heard him say: "Man, you don't know me. I'm a bad boy. I'm a gangster."

Several people saw the ar-gument in the quiet cul-de-sac, and four people, including Mr Sarkodie, were able to pick out Mr Gardiner at an identity parade, it was said. When interviewed, Mr Gardiner was said to have told police that he had had nothing to do with the shootings, and also denied having a Rensult car at the time. The Course illegate the time. The Crown alleges that after the murder Mr Gardiner attempted to cover his tracks by dismantling the

car in a friend's garden. However, said Mr Bevan. two police officers, who knew Mr Gardiner, would be called to tell the court how they had seen him driving a similar can a couple of days before the incident. Mr Gardiner was also known to trade Renaults for profit, the jury was told.

Mr Gardiner, of Tottenham, north London, denies one count of murder and one of attempted murder last May

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Emma Bullimore faces an hour's walk to school over a five-lane road and fields

Girl, 11, fails in court attempt to save school bus

BY EMMA WILKINS AND JOHN O'LEARY

an hour's walk to school when her school bus is abolished next month was told by a High Court judge yesterday to take her case to the Secretary of State for Education.

Emma Bullimore applied for a judicial review of Essex County Council's decision. taken last year, to abolish the service from her home in Ravne, to Notley High School, Braintree. The council, which has run buses between Rayne and the school for 25 years, decided the children could walk because the distance is just under three miles.

Emma would have to cross a five-carriageway road and fields. Her father Stephen said: "The route is far too dangerous for adults to walk down, let alone children."

Emma started at the school last September and her parents have been paying £48 a quarter for bus travel because the council, after inspecting the shortest route, ruled that free transport should no longbe available. Mr Bullimore, 40, a company director, and his wife Mandy would not allow Emma - or her sisters Lisa, 10, and Clare, 8, who are due to go to the school — to walk the route.

Mr Bullimore, who has formed an action group with parents of 113 other affected children, said: "A lot of the other parents are on one income and many haven't even got cars. The council seems to think everyone will

AN 11-year-old girl who faces be able to drive their children to school but a lot just can't." The High Court rejected Emma's application on the grounds that Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, through her officials, was better qualified than the court to decide safety issues.

Mr Justice McCullough said: This court has no means of judging questions of safety. There's no question of the court going to the road and having a look. The Secretary of State can do exactly that, through her officials."

Mr Bullimore said he would consider taking the case to the Appeal Court. Alan Davison. headteacher of Notley High School, said: The route from Rayne is extremely dangerous. I am very disappointed because I believe the decision to abolish the bus service is unfair. I think the council reached the decision purely on financial grounds without taking into account the safety

Local authorities have been tightening up on providing free school transport as safety measures have forced up costs at a time when education budgets are being squeezed. State school pupils are entitled to free transport if they live more than three miles along the most direct practicable route from school. However. some councils have become reluctant to pay for long journeys to selective or reli-gious schools when there is a comprehensive close to home.

Boy, 12, crashes on joyride and injures brother, 8

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

POLICE who rescued two: joyriders from a blazing car after a night-time chase that ended in a crash found that the driver was a 12-year-old boy and the passenger his eight-year-old brother.

The younger boy was in-jured in the back and abdo-men. Last night he was in a stable condition in the intensive care unit at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital as his parents waited at his

His elder brother, who escaped with cuts and shock, will be interviewed by police. Stephen is below the age of criminal responsibility.

The acccident happened at 3.40am yesterday after the boys had sneaked out of their beds while their parents slept. Police said that they had taken the car after seeing it aban-doned at the weekend near their home in Salford, Greater

Two officers on patrol in a marked police transit van saw the car being driven erratically at a roundabout and switched on a flashing police light. When a chase ensued police noticed that the two occupants of the car were straining to see over the dash-board. The officers pursued the F-registered Cavalier, which crossed the central reservation of a carriageway and sped away in the wrong direction.

The driver lost control seven

plotting 'miracle' BY KATHRYN KNIGHT take a right turn at a T-junction. The car ploughed into the side of the disused TWO men who swindled

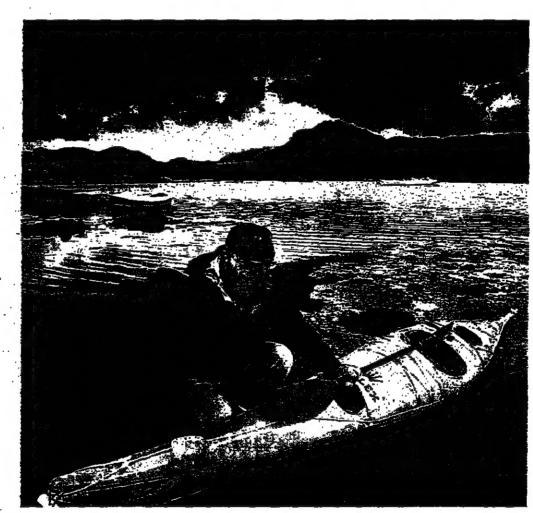
congregation out of hundreds of pounds by pretending one of them was disabled and Golden Gate pub, igniting almost immediately. The two wheelchair bound were jailed officers leapt from their van, yesterday. For seven months Paul Redsmashed the car windows and

hauled the boys to safety before extinguishing the fire. Their father said: "I don't head, 29, and his "carer", Peter Callister, 24, pretended that Redhead was severely know how they managed to start the car. They've never brain-damaged, Birmingham Crown Court was told. Mr done anything like this before. Redhead faked a miracle cure Normally they are good lads who like to play football in the at a church service and rose on both legs, apparently speakback garden with the other kids. The first I heard about it ing in tongues, to convince the congregation that he had visited by been was when their mum came back from hospital today."

The pair devised the scheme after Redhead was lent a wheelchair while being treated for epilepsy. In August 1995 they started to attend Elim Pentecostal Church in Coventry, with Callister, sporting a care's badge, wheeling Redhead into services.

A fundraising drive began, but the church's attempts to seek medical verification led to Redhead's downfall. He and Callister were arrested two days later when Callister told police that the miracle cure had been an attempt to call the trick to a halt.

Sentencing Redhead and Callister to 21 months and 15 months respectively for conspiracy to defraud, Judge Alan Taylor told them: "I think most right-thinking people knowing the full facts of this case would want to call you a couple of scoundrels."



The Atlantic by oar, the Horn by paddle, the World by sail. All by Rolex.

On his twenty-first birthday John Ridgway's father gave him a Rolex. "My mother had a Rolex, so that's probably why," he says. At the time none of them could have guessed what trials it was to be put through.

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the world which broke all records. "It's just always kept going," he says of his Rolex; having done precisely the same thing himself.

a non-stop voyage round

For he then went on to paddle alongside the first woman ever to canoe round Cape Horn - his own daughter. Recently he sailed his entire family from Scotland to Antarctica via Polynesia, a perilous odyssey of eighteen months.

Naturally his family assist Ridgway in his Adven-

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ture School near Cape Wrath in Scotland, where he passes his leadership skills on to the intrepid.

"Positive thinking is all-important, and direct physical challenges, such as surviving a storm, sharpen the mind remarkably," he observes. Then he adds, "The challenges of modern life can be rather more insidious."

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Rail companies think big as commuters get fatter

Chief Insp: Stuart Nelson

said: "They wouldn't have had

any problem starting it up because the car had been

barrelled, that is the barrel

had been taken out, so it

would have been easy enough to start with a sharp

vehicle according to force guidelines. The last thing we

want to do is make a suspect do something rash — especial-

ly one so young as this. The

two officers who rescued the

boys will be up for some sort of

commendation. This incident

could have had tragic The car had been stolen on

Saturday and used in a bur-

glary in Prestwich. Mr Nel-

son said: The boys did not

steal it initially. They just took

We were following this

implement.

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

RAJL companies are having to provide bigger scats because passengers are getting fatter. The new generation of trains being ordered for the privatised railway will have wider seats to cater for the the bulkier commuter of the 21st century. Increasing height will also require coaches with greater leg

LTS Rail, which is planning to order 44 commuter trains for its routes between London and south Essex at a cost of £125 million, has asked its design consultants Mott MacDonald to examine the impact of growing obesity and better nutrition on de-

David Wilcock, LTS's com-

mercial director, said: "The new trains will have a life expectancy of 30 years and will earry many commuters who have not yet been born. We know that people are getting taller and heavier and tions are getting bigger.

These are important factors to be taken into account when we look at the seat design and leg room. Our aim is to make the new trains as comfortable as possible, so we need to look ahead." Higher toilet bowls are also likely to be needed. British Rail traditionally

designed train seats to fit 95

per cent of men and 85 per

cent of women. Some of the

trains being replaced date

back to the late 1950s when

average heights were about three inches shorter than those expected in the 2020s. The new trains are expect-

ed to come into service in 2000. The introduction of tilting train technology in coming years could cause further problems for wellpassengers, as the sides of the trains are tapered towards the ceiling, reducing the amount of space

Two years ago airline cab-in weight regulations had to be redrafted because passengers were getting heavier. The average assumed weight was increased from list lilb for men and lost 31b for

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Parents reluctantly accept £30,000 settlement

Girl died after doctors failed to diagnose cyst

THE parents of a teenage girl who died an agonising death cyst have accepted an out-of-

John and May McGalliard, whose 14-year-old daughter Lorraine died in Stobhill Hos had reluctantly settled with Greater Glasgow Health Board because they did not have the funds to fight on. They said they had yet to received an apology from the

Lorraine, from Kirkintilloch near Glasgow, was admitted three times to Stobbill Hospital in increasing pain over one

A Fatal Accident inquiry into her death was told that a eries of doctors examined her but failed to read her notes. register symptoms of the cyst

Lorraine died of multiple organ failure after an overwhelming infection when the cyst ruptured 70 minutes after an ultrasound scan was eventually carried out. There were allegations at the inquiry that the scan had been delayed.

During the inquiry five loctors, including two consultant surgeons, Mr Matthew Calvert and Mr Robert Dalling, and Dr Miriam Deeny, a senior registrar, were critisised for making a series of errors. The General Medical Council's professional conduct committee investigated Mr Dalling who was criticised but not found guilty sterday Mr McGalliard.



Lorraine McGalliard died in great pain 70 minutes after a vital ultrasound scan was carried out.

who has three other daughters, said that "after a long" struggle" he had received a etter from the GMC detailing the investigations and informing the family that three of the doctors, Mr Calvert, Dr Deeny and Dr Dominic Byrne, a registrar, had been warned and advised as to their future professional conduct.

Our object in bringing this case was to act as a warning to tragedy in the future. No money in the world will replace Lorraine, he said. Mrs

McGalliard said: "It has been pure hell. Our grief is mixed with anger. This is not something that should happen in this day and age when you can send men to the moon and do heart and lung transplants. This was a young girl who had a cyst. The scanner was there and they didn't use it."

Mr McGalliard alleged there had been a cover-up. We've had to push to get the details. If we could take it further we would but we haven't got the money to go to court and we have been ad-

ries of her last days in agony."
Lorraine first complained of ains in her side on Friday nary infection. Three days later she was sent to Stobbill

the following Friday her white blood cell count was "grossly high" but doctors failed to

ovarian cyst, ordered a scan for the next day. The scan was not carried out until two days

On September 13 Lorraine collapsed at 6.30am and was admitted to intensive care help me". An ultrasound was carried out at 11.35am and Lorrained died at 12.45pm.

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statement from Stobbill NHS Trust said: "Following this tragic incident the trust undertook a major review of its surgical services. A significant outcome was the introduction of the trust's acute surgical receiving ward. All emergency patients are cared for on admission in a specific diagnosis and treatment required." The trust expressed its condolences to the family.

Glasgow Health Board said: "Greater Glasgow Health Board has settled entirely without admission of liability and outstanding claim with

Group to help the **Falklands** victims

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE

HUNDREDS of Falklands War veterans who suffer from mental scars nearly 15 years after the conflict are to receive backing from a new organis-ation led. by commanders from the 1982 battles.

The trauma of the war with Argentina — in which 255 British servicemen were killed and 777 wounded — had a lasting physical and psycho-logical impact for many of the servicemen, most of whom are now civilians. Although there are many Service organisations and charity groups senior commanders agreed at a special conference last week that extra help was now needed for those still suffering

from the Falklands War. The South Atlantic Medal ly launched at the Falkland Islands government office in London on April 2, the fif-teenth anniversary of the Argentine occupation. Among other services, it will advis aid they can receive from other

welfare organisations. Dr Rick Jolly, a former Surgeon-Captain in the Royal the casualty clearing station at Ajax Bay throughout the con-flict, is to be the chairman of



Sara Jones Falklands veterans value contact

"Many have left the services and have no one to talk to who has shared their experience. Some get the odd black day when they think about what they saw and about their

"Of all the people who took than 500 have severe mental problems but many of the others sometimes have nightmares or bad spells when they remember their friends."

Denzil Connick, a former ICO from the Parachute Regiment who lost a leg in the battle of Mount Longdon and is the driving force behind the organisation, said: "Every holder of the South Atlantic Medal irrespective of rank or ing out the hand of friendship

There will also be a special membership category for the relatives of those who were killed. Sara Jones, widow of Lieutenant Colonel H Jones VC, who died in the war, said: The families value the contact

Working mothers' children 'do not get worse results'

By John O'Leary, education editor

television last night purporting to show that teenagers with working mothers suffer at GCSE has been criticised by academics claiming that their

A team from North London University, whose research formed the basis of BBCi's Panorama programme, found that pupils were twice as likely to leave school without qualifiworked full-time. A two-year project under Professor Margaret O'Brien looked at 600 families in Backing and Dag-

enham, east London. The results met with astonishment from other researchers yesterday. A review of eight international studies reported last week at University College London had found that young children acquired lasting benefits from day care, the field said she had found no ill-effects among the children of working mothers in three studies over nearly a decade.

Professor O'Brien declined day. But she said on Panorathat parents - should balance their own needs with those of their children. The ers who worked part-time were more likely to be available in the early evening to discuss school and homework.

project could not demonstrate a single cause of academic were applicable nationally. Dr Child Health Monitoring Unit at London University's Institute of Child Health, who carried out last week's review, said: "There seems to be a lot of working mum bashing at the moment and I don't think it's really based on scientific evidence, which is a pity."

Professor Miriam David, of South Bank University, who has completed three studies on there is plenty of evidence that working mothers raise educational aspirations. I would be very sceptical about these results, as they have been

by Dr Roberts focused on the impact of day care on young children. All eight showed that IQ was increased and children were less likely to fail at school. There's great poten tial for mix-ups here," he said. Recent American studies tend to support the conclusions of the North London

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Major promises stylish World. Cup in battle to outbid Germans

JOHN MAJOR publicly sup-ported England's bid for the 2006 World Cup yesterday as the row escalated over the dature by Uefa, football's governing body in Europe.

met Football Association paign, said that this country could host the event for the

He promised the Government's full backing for the tournament. Mr Major also assigned Iain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, to work alongside FA officials as they begin lobbying officials of Fifa, the will make the decision in 2000.

said: "The last time we played Germany, we lost on penalties. It was an extremely good game. We were very unlucky to lose. Whether we will lose as far as 2006 is concerned is a long way away."

At a separate meeting in

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London, the bid received backing from the football associations of the other three home countries. David Collins, the Welsh FA secretary, said: "The benefit to British football as a whole in staging the World Cup would be

huge."
All expressed surprise that Uefa had sent a fax on Friday telling the FA that the EuroGennany, which had an-1993. No one had seen minutes of any meeting that had made

David Davies, the FA spokesman, said: "All we have asked is that our bid is considered fairly and squarely against other bids. We ask for fairness, we ask for democrary. We do not believe that democracy is an optional

Uefa officials will be flying to England later this week to try to defuse the dispute. Uefa made a record profit of more than £60 million when the FA staged Euro 96.

Although Germany and England are the only two countries to have announced

pean governing body had give the tournament to already decided to back another continent France will stage the 1998 competition and Japan and South Korea will co-host 2002. South America has not held the World Cup since 1986 and Africa has



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doctors Ose Cyst Beryl Reid leaves actor her cats — complete with cottage Coo., who preferred to stay indoors. The 1930s cottage consists of

THE actress Beryl Reid has left her cottage on the banks of the Thames to an actor - with a request that he looks after

Miss Reid, 76, also left Paul Strike, 48, most of the contents of the cottage and £2,000. Mr Strike, who has a non-speaking role in the BBC television hospital drama Casualty, is now dividing his time between Honeypot Cottage in Wrays-bury, Berkshire, and his home at Clifton, Bristol. He said vesterday: "We were very good friends and I suppose I thought of her as a favourite

At one time Miss Reid had 13 cats. Some were named after friends and colleagues: one of those that has since died was called after the comedian Ronnie Corbett. The pets were often mentioned in her memoirs, a volume of which she called The Cars Whiskers.

Mr Strike met Miss Reid about 20 years ago when he helped her with her lines for a play because she was dyslexic. He said: "She had discussed leaving me the cottage and



Feline des res: the £200,000 thatched and turreted cottage by the Thames at Wraysbury, Berkshire

her cats. It was a request and had nothing so do with whether she left me the place or not. It is something I am more than happy to do. My cat died

recently so I have brought one of them, Coco, to live with one.
"I arranged for her to get one of her cats from a Chinese restaurant because she didn't think it was happy there. The others were strays that had been neglected or had been ended up with the RSPCA or other animal centres. I am at the cottage most of the time; but if I can't get there then Beryl's housekeeper will take care of them."

The cats had their own personalities, he said. There was Eileen, who still liked to wash her son Hamish, even though be was old enough to look after himself; ginger Par-is and his brother Tuffnel; Boon, who was adventurous

The 1930s comage consists of three semi-circular sections. "It is a totally unique cottage," Mr Strike said. "The sections, which are connected inside, are all individually thatched and look like turrets." An estate agent said that he would expect the cottage, which has two bedrooms, dining room, sitting room and kitchen, to fetch about £200,000.

The actress, who died last October after a career span-ning 50 years, left an estate valued at £420,219. She is best remembered for her role in the play The Killing of Sister George, staged in London in 1965, moving to New York the won a Tony award - and filmed in 1969. She was awarded an OBE in 1986.

Other films in which Miss Reid appeared included The Belles of St Trinian's and Entertaining Mr Sloane. She won a Balta best acress award in 1983 for her role in Smiley's People and received a lifetime achievement award in the British Comedy Awards of



Miss Reid in 1961 with two of her earlier cats, Freddy and Footie. At one time she had 13, several named after colleagues. Six of the pets remain to be cared for

Eccentric bachelor leaves £2 million

By Adrian Lee

AN ECCENTRIC who lived in a dilapidated cottage with-out central heating or tele-vision has left £2 million in

Ron Hassard, a 6ft 7in backelor, inherited his wealth from his father, invested it wisely but chose to live modestly. His only luxury was the occasional holiday abroad. One villager in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, said: "We were amazed. He was a nice old boy but he lived like a hermit. The house was falling down around him."

Mr Hassard died last year, aged 76, in a house fire after falling asleep while smoking a cigarette. Two of his friends, Nigel Matthews, 28, a part-time fireman who tried to save Mr Hassard's life, and Anthony Beard, of Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire, shared £1 million. Mr Beard, 64, a retired book-40 years, said: "He was a very kind man. I just wish he had taken better care of himself."

Woman, 79, with heart disease is jailed

A 76-YEAR-OLD grandmother suffering from heart disease and bronchitis was jailed for nine months yesterday for her part in handling stolen goods. Judge Hutton told Ivy Wil-liams, at Gloucester Crown Court: There are places where the elderly and infirm can be looked after in prison." Mrs Williams' lawyers said they would be lodging an appeal against the sentence.

After a trial last year. Williams, of Bristol, had been convicted of eight charges of handling stolen jewellery and other valuables. Her two sons — one of whom has absorbed and their former girlinends were all jailed for their parts in

was too ill to attend. Patrick Harrington, QC, for the defence, yesterday submit-red that, at her age, Williams should be spared jail. He said her only previous criminal conviction had been eight years ago, when she was fined £250 for handling stolen build and that this time all she had done was "sweep up relative trilles which came her way to value of no more than £200".

He urged the court to fine her. The judge said the previous sentence should have been a warning to her not to re-offend: "These offences are so

Branch Energy has not naries in Zaire, contrary to a report of January 14, and will not do so. The company is not involved in Zaire at present, but hopes to develop its activities there soon.

A report on February wrongly described Viscount Exmouth as a Conservative peer, he is in fact a rossbencher, and we apolo-

Monday misery is seen in a new light

By NIGEL HAWKES

TEBNAGERS who enjoy a wake up in a foul mood on Monday morning. Far from being refreshed by staying in bed, their body clocks are thrown so far out of tual time that Monday morning will seem more like the middle of the night.

Winter makes the problem worse because of a lack of worse because of a net of merning sunlight, Dr Mike Jones, of Sussex University, says. The short and dark days of winter allow less contact with daylight, which plays a big past in keeping internal docks in time. Work-

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Secret courage of doctor who defied Colditz Nazis

A REMARKABLE story of wartime courage kept secret for half a century has been reluctant hero imprisoned in Colditz by the Nazis.

Birendra Nath Mazumdar never spoke of his exploits to friends or neighbours in the Devon village of Galmpton where he retired. Only his immediate family knew that he had defied the Gestapo, withstood torture and outwitted the captors who threatened to shoot him if he refused to collaborate.

Dr Mazumdar's war might have remained secret forever if he had not agreed to tell Imperial War Museum researchers of his escape attempts from Colditz and his "home run". His only proviso was that the story should not be revealed until his death.

He told them too how he had been accused by fellow Allied officers of being a spy; how he had survived bearings. solitary confinement and the threat of execution.

Mazumdar, who died aged 82 in December, came to Britain from his native India in 1937 to study medicine at Cambridge. When war broke out he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and was posted to France

Encircled by German tanks while leading a convoy of ambulances, he had no alternative but to surrender, walking towards the Panzers with a white handkerchief tied to his baton. Over the next four years he was moved from camp to camp after complaining bitterly about the inadequacy of equipment and medicines with which to treat sick prisoners.

Captain Mazumdar's defiance infuriated his captors. He was beaten, placed in solitary confinement and finally sent to Colditz. There, the Gestapo tried to "per-suade" him to join the Free India movement, led by Subhas Bose, who had persuaded many Indians to fight for independence by helping Hitler to topple the Raj.

His widow Joan recalled what her late husband had told her of his time as a PoW. "The Germans were desperate to get him to join the move-



Dr Mazumdar: kept silent about bravery

ment and to broadcast propa ganda to India. He was offered all sorts of inducements: money: women: a flat and wonderful life. He refused.

"It was at time that the rumours began among the other men. He was tipped off by a Dutch officer that some

had been placed among them

One officer in particular made the accusation. My husband was so furious he would have half killed him if he hadn't been dragged away. Realising that escape from Colditz would be "difficult". Captain Mazumdar went on hunger strike. Fellow officers at Colditz said he stood no chance of escape because of the colour of his skin - he would have been a little obtrusive. So he had to find another way out of the castle," said his

According to plan, he was moved to another camp where security was less daunting. He escaped, only to be recaptured tantalisingly close to the Spanish border.

Other attempts were to fol-low — all punished with solitary confinement - before his home run: to Switzerland. internment and eventual repatriation. "In all his four escape attempts he covered about said Mrs 3.000 miles." Mazumdar.

"He was a very strong man who lived by a code of duty. loyalty, morality and sincerity.

Captain Mazumdar, circled, with fellow prisoners in Colditz. He endured death threats and spy accusations:

His inner strength enabled him to endure solitary confinement, beatings and racial prejudice - sometimes from brother officers. But it was only with the greatest refuctance that he spoke of these experiences." After the war he

refused to attend PoW reunions and had only recently inined the Colditz Association. "He had no time for Airey Neave who wrote a book about his escape," revealed his "And although he

thought Douglas Bader was

very brave, he didn't like him

It was the Colditz Association that alerted the Imperial War Museum to his extraordinary story. Mrs Mazumdar has also had an approach from Leeds University, which

for their war archives. "I have them all, both in writing and on tape. I haven't played the recordings back

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Earth at risk of collision with unseen comets

By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent

THOUSANDS of invisible comets may be hurtling into the solar system on a potential collision course with Earth. scientists said vesterday.

But spotting the corners --called "dead" corners because they are inactive and pitch black - is "like looking for a black cat in a qual cellar-,

according to one expert. The findings will increase concern among some scientists that mankind is at risk from a devastating impact of the kind that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. Asteroids had previously been thought to pose the greatest astation: craters on the Burth's surface bear testimony to: bombardments from space from objects about a kilometre

The new research indicates that the danger from dead comets which, like Halley's Comet, are formed in a place called the Oort Cloud on the edge of the solar system, may be as big, if not bigger, than

that posed by asteroids. Only about 20 comets, such as Halley's, have previously been detected but new research indicates that between, 1,000 and 4,800, up to six miles across, may be heading this way unseen. Many are likely to have orbits that bring them through the solar system every 200 years, which means that 50 a year could be passing by on paths that may take them near to Earth.

The research, to be released later this month at the Fermor Memorial Meeting of the Geological Society in London and at a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society in March, has been undertaken by Professsor Mark Bailey of the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland and Professor Vacheslav Emel-Yanenko, an astronomer from Chelyabinsk in the Russian Federa-

Professor Bailey said yesterday: "We are aware of around 20 comets like Halley's. For every one we see, there may be at least 100 times as many in similar orbit that we do not

This may be a conservative figure. Our calculations indicate that there may be between 1,000 and 5,000 that we have yet to see."

The findings are based on studies into the rate at which comets are entering the solar system from the Oort Cloud. estimated that about one new comet arrived every year.

 Most of these are ejected into interstellar space but the scientists estimate that about I per cent are trapped into short-period orbits that take them around the Sun every 200 years or so. The researchers believe they survive for half a million years, leaving

up to 5,000 in orbit. Professor Bailey said that comets such as Halley's were visible because they had volatile gases and streams of jets firing into a tail. Dead comets were inert.

It is also possible that dead comets, technically known as cometary asteroids, may disintegrate far faster than the team supposes. This would mean that many may now be little more than pencil-thin streams of meteoroids which would be hard to detect but the Earth.

Several astronomers have called on governments to set up networks of telescopes to give an early warning of approaching asteroids, large chunks of celestial debris formed in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

The belt is considered to be a graveyard of rubble from a planet that failed to form, with asteroids ejected from time to been detected.

Professor Bailey said that it may now be necessary to supplement such a system with infra-red telescopes covering the whole sky to seek out the dead comets.

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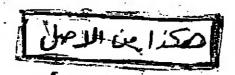
Complaint from Messrs D & F Barclay and from Mr C Garside summary of adjudication

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission have upheld a complaint from Messrs D & F Barclay about an unwarmented infringement of their privacy in the making and subsequent broadcasting of an edition of The Spin transmitted by BBC2 on 4 October 1995. They have also partly u esociated complaint about the same programme, made by Mr C Garside, Editor of The European newspaper, which is owned by the Barchays.

in making the programme the BBC's journalist John Sweeney landed on the Barclays' private island of Brecchou after the BBC's producer had been told by Mr Garside that the Barclays had declined to be interviewed and that they had refused permission for the programme-makers to visit the island. In noting the BBC's submissions seeking to justify their landing or the island as in the public interest, the Commission were not persuaded that their case rested on more than a wish to provide an entertaining progra for a curious public. In the Commission's view there were no allegation made against the Barclays about which the BBC could realistically have expected to find out more by a visit to Brecohou.

The Commission found in relation to Mr Garside, that he could reasonably have been expected to be questioned about the Barchys in an interview both The European, particularly as this took place after the BBC's landing on Breeghon. However, they considered that the way in which extracts from his interview were edited might well have left an unfair impression o evasiveness. They also found that, in fairness, his assurance that the

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By Norman Hammond and Nigel Hawkes

STONE Age teenagers develfor a smoky-flavoured chewing gum made from birch bark, research has shown Youngsters chewed a black

tar which doubled as a glue and may have helped remove loose milk teeth.

Elizabeth Aveling, a doctoral student at Bradford, who reconstituted the early gum from its original ingredients. says that the taste is neither pleasant nor entirely unpleasint. "It's a strange, smoky flavour. The texture is very like modern chewing gum, but it isn't sweet. Who knows what appealed to the Mesolithic

Samples of the ancient gum have been found in Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Norway. Some have the impression of teeth, which show that the majority of users were aged between six and 15. But one 30-something left the mark of a tooth with a cavity in it, suggesting that perhaps the gum had pain-killing properties and was being used

to stave off toothache. "Tar-like materials were commonly chewed throughout northern Europe from at least the Early Mesolithic period." Ms Aveling writes in British Archaeology. "Birch bark tar contains compounds that and these might be slowly

Archaeologists have found traces of one of Britain's earliest windmills. The mill for grinding flour at Boreham, near Chelmsford, Essex, would have existed about 1200. A large round pit was uncovered from which material would have been used to build the mound. Fragments of lava that were also found would have been used to make

released during chewing. There are historical records referring to its use to relieve

No evidence that birch bark tar was chewed in Britain has ever been found, though cakes of it been found at Star Carr. near Scarborough in North Yorkshire, Other uses includaxe blades to their hafts.

How Stone Age man made the tar remains a puzzle. The bark must be heated to at least 80C, a difficult task without vessels that can be sealed, which did not appear until much later. Attempts to reproduce the process by placing the bark on hot stones in a pit have failed, says Ms Aveling. It would have been much easier simply to chew pine

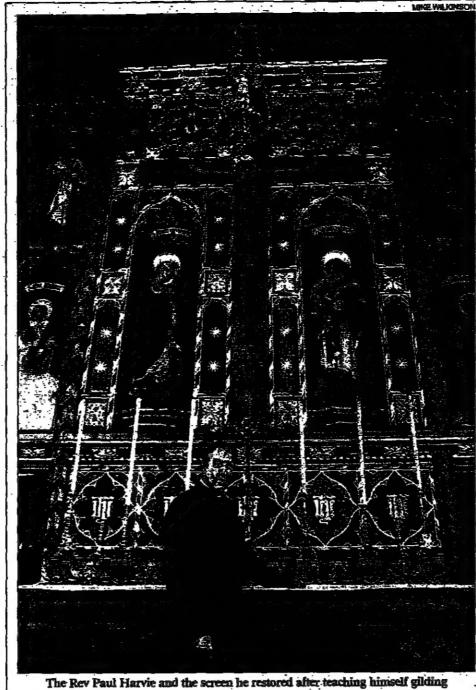
able, and which was certainly chewed by later peoples. "It looks as if the birch bark had some importance, perhaps

some ritual significance." Her research has taken her to Scandinavia to collect specimens of the gum, which she analysed using a gas chromatograph mass spectrome-ter. This shows clearly that the ancient material contains the modern tar made from birch bark. The tar was chewed plain and specimens from widely different sites and periods were found to be remarkably similar in composition.

Many plant products, such as tobacco or betel nuts, are hewed to release addictive stimulants, but no such materials have been shown to be resent in the birch bark tar. The fact that children often chewed it at the age when they would have been losing their milk teeth suggests thay may have been trying to remove

thought of a 19th-century American invention. The Scandinavian finds show that chewing has been going on since at least 7000 BC, and that birch bark gum was chewed from then until around 2000 BC

Age children had enough, they



Rector's DIY skill at gilding shines out

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH COTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AN ANGLICAN dergyman se previous DIY prowes: extended only to wallpaper-ing, has taught himself gild-ing to restore the listed 19thcentury reredos in his church. The Rey Paul Harvie, 60, has spent 150 hours applying gold leaf to the 50th high ndee. He learnt how to

did a little bit in an nichtspicuous place and it light look too bad, he said le then spelled a screen cfore attempting the intricate Victorian stonework on the reredos. "Once I started that there really was no going

The reredos, in Pre-Rapha elife style, depicts the 12 apostles and four archangels nd was originally painted in

Mr Harvie's work has

allowed the church, where he

is rector, to apply for Heri-tage Lottery Fund and Hisnd grants tota £125,000. He worked for free e. The church can include his labour in the partnership funding the grants require.

Mr Harvie declined to "I'm the sort of person who likes to have a go," he said.

finally died, strapped to her

chair, after an uneaten lunch.

Nobody noticed she was dead

until the nursing auxiliaries

came to put a cop of tea on her bedside table. Where were the

old-fashioned nurses who,

when I was a youthful doctor,

would find feeding cups and coax the frail into taking the nourishment essential for

their recovery?

The Health Department has anguly rejected the associ-

ation's report and says it is an

insult to all those nurses and

doctors who work so hard for

their patients. Nobody need

worry about the care that a

relative would receive in the

NHS in an acute ward, but a

patient is, as the association has said, in some danger in

those wards designated for the

There is a creeping tendency

The old cannot order their

in the NHS to regard the very

old as expendable, undeserv

care of the elderly.

Caribbean sun shines in Bucks

The English town with the the castern Caribbean island is to be twinned with it.

from the island arrived in High Wycombe, Bucking hamshire in the 1950s, and found jobs in furniture faciories. Today: there are 5.000 St Vincentiaris living in High Wycambe, which has a population of 170,000, compared with the island, where 117,000 people live. High Wycombe's Graham agreed the twinning with the East Caribbean High

Street star ill

The actor Bryan Mosley, who plays Alf Roberts in Coronation Street, underwent tests in second heart attack in four years. Mr Mosley, 65, was taken fill on Friday and admit-ted to Bradford Royal Infirma-His condition was escribed as satisfactory.

Accused held

A man extradited from France accused of murdering his furmer girlfriend has been remanded in custody for a mount by Portsmeath magis-trates. Virtor Farrant, 47, is accused of killing Glends Holding, 45, last February and of the attempted murder of Anne Fidler, 43.

Baby inquiry

wo nurses who were on duty have been suspended. An indeath in the neonatal intensive care unit two weeks ago.
A coroner's inquest will also be held.

Flying squad

an identity passile at Barry police station in South Wales. Canaries, budgies and para-keets had been taken into protective costudy by police who raided a Igeal address after theirs in the area. A 14-yearold how was released on ball

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Ghder crashes

A glider pilot escaped unin-jured after his £20,000 aircraft clipped trees, somersaulted and crashed onto a car park as he tried to land at Lasham Airfield near Alten, Hamp-shire. The middle-aged local man was treated for shock. The Civil Aviation Authority is holding an inquiry.

Head-butt case

A former beamcer has been committed to Crown Court to be sentenced for head-butting an MP. Keiron Quinn, 30, of Wigan, Greater Manchester, had admitted assaulting Ian McCartney, a Labour employment spokesman, after a row over his campaign to register doormen.

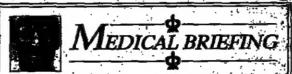
Shower death

A teenager died when he was electrocuted by an incorrectly wired shower. Adrian Top-ping, 19, was found dead in the bath at home in Coppull, Lancashire, by his sister Cheryl, 23. The shower is thought to have been installed several years ago. Their parents were on holiday.

Swan's record

A ringed female Bewick's swan has returned from its summer breeding grounds in Siberia to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust reserve at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, for a record 26th successive year. The swan has had two mates and thirty-two cygnets since 1971.

Rationing care must not mean rationing food



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE Association of Community Health Councils, which looks after the interests of patients, has issued a report suggesting that not only are people in hospital fed unappetising food but that, in the wards of some hospitals, they are so malnourished that the weak and feeble are starved. The association's interest has been kindled by more than 200 complaints by

the families of patients. From my own experience, I know that starvation can be a contributory cause to the death of the very old, and a year or two ago I, too, might have written to complain. An octogenarian relative was admitted to a ward with a chest infection after flu. She was too debilitated to feed herself but her meals, quite unsuitable for someone so enfeebled, were put on her bedside table. Half an hour later the food was gathered up again, quite untouched, with the jolly quip: "No appetite yet, I see, Lottie." Lottie gave a

A quick, surreptitious ward round showed that my relative was not alone in her blight: similar scenes were being repeated all over the ward, but malnourished, virtually starved. Lottle went steadily downhill. Complaints and en-treaties were received politely and with such remarks as, Well, she is well into her eighties", but any tudeness nobody to cajole them into had to be modified by the thought that one didn't want their recovery. Antibiotics are not enough. Nursing care is

ing of the expense of the high-quality care which might ensure their survival. There has to be some rationing, you wan smile. meals, they are not always in a position to shout out if they have been forgotten. If remembered, the food is too often placed beyond their reach and they can be too feeble to feed themselves. It often takes hours a day to feed an elderly, confused patient and there now seems to be

already hard-pressed. Lottie Vicars learn

By DAREH GREGORIAN

serpent's craft

SIXTY vicars have signed up

for a martial arts class after three attacks on clergy — one a murder - on the same night. The group from the Peterborough diocese is expected to attend the course this afternoon at Northamptonshire Police Headquarters. It was organised after the murder of

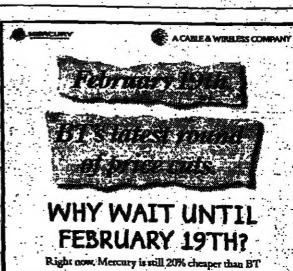
last August 13. Paul Needle, a spokesman for the diocese, said: "We're not teaching them to go on the rampage. The same Jesus who taught us to turn the other cheek also taught us to be crafty as a serpent. You have to understand the world you live in to work in the world you live in." The three hour class will include risk assess-

ment and assertiveness.

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BBC seeks to ban soundbites from political coverage

POLITICIANS' soundbites will be swept away under plans by the BBC to transform its political coverage.

Research for the corporation showed that audiences, particularly the young, were baffled by jargon used by the politicians and repeated by reporters, including terms such as "cash for questions". People also disliked the verbal punch-ups between politicians trying to score party-political points, which have become a staple of programmes such as Radio 4's Today. Tony Hall, chief executive of

BBC News, said the findings showed that audiences lost interest in political reports that were packed with short interview clips but little

"Soundbites are harmful to good journalism ... they are attractive to journalists because they give a rough and ready sense of balance. But I would question whether they generate a sense of understanding about the issues," Mr Hall said.

Unless broadcasters succeeded in moving away from the soundbite culture, "most people's experience of politics will never rise beyond sterile slogans," he said.

The market research showed that audiences often found it difficult to understand political reports that were full of soundbites. "The overall topic may be clear to experts with finely tuned political antennae, but the message does not get across to many ordinary viewers and listeners," Mr Hall said. "Young people, in particular, seem to find conventional political discourse unappealing."

Mr Half's drive to banish soundbites and slogans is part of a wider review of the BBC's news output, which is designed to see how well

Dafydd Wigley, president of Plaid Cymru, yesterday accused the BBC of "outrageous discrimination" after the party failed to secure live BBC television coverage of its pre-election conference later this month. He is taking up the issue with John Birt, the BBC Director-General. The Welsh Nationalists say they were given the choice of live coverage of their conference in Aberystwyth on February 22 or of their annual party conference in September.

programmes are serving their audiences and whether it is possible to attract new viewers

and listeners. Although Mr Hall wants to wait until after the general election to implement the major changes, the BBC has already introduced subtle changes, such as correspondents going out on the road to cover political issues, but specifically excluding politicians from their reports.

Radio 4's Today was among the programmes rethinking its approach. Mr Hall said. This is a programme right at the heart of the Westminster agenda. But it is finding there are benefits to rooting its political coverage in the world away from Westminster."

Mr. Hall conceded, however, that broadcasters could not achieve these changes alone. He is planning to hold a seminar after the election. inviting politicians, spin doctors and rival broadcasters to. discuss the way that television and radio cover politics.

Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, said that broadcasters were as much to blame for the development of the

Television crew breached paper owners' privacy

The Scotsman news- by a visit to Brecahou. papers, when it attempted to and a television crew on their private island Brecchou, in the Channel Islands, without their permission, the Broad-casting Complaints Commission has ruled.

The commission said that the BBC media programme. The Spin, appeared to be motivated by no more than "a wish to provide an entertaining programme for a curious public". It concluded that there were no allegations

THE BBC infringed the priva-cy of David and Erederick, about which the BBC could Barclay, owners of The Euro-have expected to find out more

held a complaint by Charles Garside, editor of The Eurointerview with him shown on The Spin had been edited in such a way as to make him appear evasive. The commission also concluded that it had been unfair to omit Mr Garside's assurance that the Barclays did not interfere with his editorship.

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They interview you for ten minutes and then mick out the one senience they want to use," he said.

However, Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said it would be dangerous to get rid of carefully crafted soundbites altogether. It's a good thing to be able to reduce a boring speech that takes 40 minutes — like the one I have just heard from John] Gumther - to just one sentence, or even to nothing at all. Give me a soundbite any day rather than that let."

Soundbites are not restricted to broadcasting. The expression "cash for questions", described in the BBC research as an unwelcome piece of jargon, has become shorthand in broadsheer newspapers. In the past year, the phrase has been used at least 122 times in The Guardian, 99 times in The Times, and 68 times each in The Daily Telegraph and The Independent.



Lord Attenborough has the ear of Tony Blair in a rare return for Labour's "luvvies" at the Mansion House lunch in the City yesterday

Blair pledges to create 'National Trust for talent'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

TONY BLAIR'S plans for a £100 million fund to encourage young artistic and scientific talent were unveiled

yesterday.
The National Endowment for Science and the Aris will direct cash to people in both fields when it is under

way after the millennium. The scheme would be self-financing and use money from lottery funds as well as gifts and

legacies.
The speech, at the Mansion House, saw a brief return of Labour's socalled luvvies, who were favoured by Neil Kirmock but have taken a backseat behind Mr Blair. Among the

at the City lunch in the Mansion House were Lord Attenborough, Sir David Puttnam and Greg Dyke.

Jennifer Edwards, the director of the

National Campaign for the Arts, who was in the audience, said: The rhetoric is OK so far. It is whether they deliver in practice. The drawback is

sprinkling of big names from the arts that the scheme will not be in place for several years and will do nothing to alleviate the present cash shortfail." Mr Blair described the organisation

as a National Trust for talent", backing human capital rather than buildings. He said the arts could help to create an "age of achievement" under a Labour government.



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Tory campaign gets off to a shaky start

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE Tories' by-election campaign in Wirral South faltered as soon as it began yesterday when Michael Heseltine and Stephen Dorrell delivered two contrasting messages to the

Hours before the writ was moved in the House of Commons, Mr Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, acknowledged that people in the Merseyside constituency were ready to "kick the Government". But Mr Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who was launching the Tory by-election campaign, said he was "absolutely certain" that his party

Mr Heseltine's statement, made to BBC Radio 4's The World at One, appeared to be an admission that the Tories fear they will be unable to hold onto their 8.183 majority. Labour seized on it to declare that the Government had already 'thrown in the towel".

Mr Dorrell was clearly upset by Mr Heseltine's remark. When questioned about it during a walkabout in Heswall, he was less bullish about Tory prospects, saying: I always think that during a by-election campaign, you are well advised to avoid predict-

John Prescott, the Labour

deputy leader, said at his party's campaign launch: "I don't know of any by-election where the deputy Prime Minister announces he is throwing in the towel and that he

doesn't think they could win." He added: "Even before the writ for Wirral south has been moved officially, senior Tories are falling out the real issue here is the Tory leadership contest after the general election. Both men are desperate to be leading contenders and Heseltine is no doubt angry that Dorrell has been chosen to kick off the campaign."

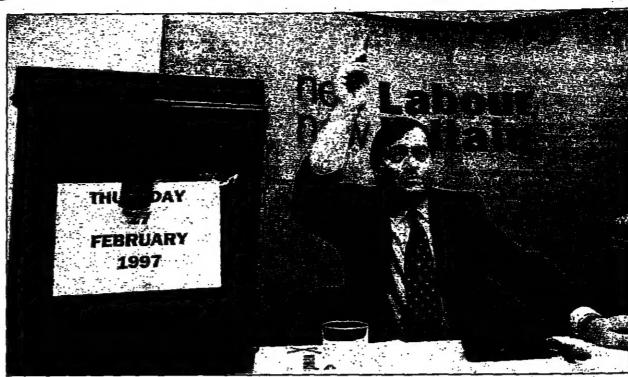
To add to the Tories' woes, Mr Dorrell continually had to parry questions about whether the by-election would actually take place on February 27, or whether the party's high command would order a "cut and run" general election if polling returns suggested a big defeat. Mr Dorrell dissed the fuss as "journalists" love for speculation".

Mr Heseltine's comments had also dismayed the local party workers, who were keen to concentrate their campaign on what they see as the Labour threat to their grammar schools. The Tories' attempt to put Labour's policy on grammar schools under scrutiny wrong last week when Eric Forth, the Education Minister, was ejected from the playground of Wirral County Grammar School for Girls.

Later yesterday Mr Prescott heard the writ being moved via telephone link while standing in front of campaign workers at Labour's campaign headquarters in New Ferry. He declared it the first victory. To a round of applause from campaign workers, he shouted: We have got a voice for the people of Wirral. Now what we have got to do is win the by-election and return Ben Chapman as the next Labour MP. So let's get to it." At a subsequent press con-

ference Mr Prescott, the Labour MP Ian McCartney, and Mr Chapman, became flustered as they were pressed on their stated policy to allow parents to initiate and hold ballots on whether to change the admissions status of Wirral South's four grammar schools. At one point Mr McCartney refused to take any more questions from the floor about the issue

Mr Dorrell, during a visit to Conservative voters at the home of a local beef farmer, insisted that the pledge by David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, not to close any grammar school would vash after the comments at the weekend of Mick



John Prescott launching Labour's by-election campaign at the party's base in Wirral South yesterday

Groves, Labour's spokesman on Wirral Borough Council, who said that although he realised that the local grammar schools were good he was tion. Mr Dorrell said: "So much for parental choice. New Labour will do and say

anything to get elected."
Last night Tim Collins, a former Conservative Central Office Director of Communications, drew a parallel between Wirral South and the famous fight for the Langbaurgh constituency before the last general election.

constituency to Labour five months before the general election but then won it back. Mr Collins said: "I don't think there is anybody, and this includes every member of

the Labour Party campaign

team, has any doubt whatever

the MP of this constituency with a very healthy majority at the general election. What we recognise is that we have an uphill fight to win the by-election but, unlike new Labour, we are not taking any

vie to do most for homeless CHURF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE Liberal Democrats and Labour yesterday vied to be the party for the homeless as both put forward packages to help young people who are living on the streets.

Tony Blair dismissed as complete and utter nonsense" accusations that Labour was giving up on the weakest members in society by wooing Middle England. The Labour leader provoked anger last month when he backed zerotolerance policies towards petty street crime, and said he did not give to beggars. But yesterday he announced that he was setting up a summit with local councils, housing organ-isations and voluntary groups to draw up policies dealing with the housing problems of young people leaving care. Speaking at the launch of

the Action for Children campaign by the National Children's home, Mr Blair said:
"It is only by broadening our appeal that we stand a chance of winning the election, and without winning, we can do nothing for the poor, the unemployed and the home-

would provide training for young people so that they could find jobs and avoid becoming homeless; provide measures to boost the building of affordable rented housing; and reform the Housing Act.

The Liberal Democrats also called for practical action to get the homeless off the streets. warning that sleeping rough was "a fast track to a wasted life". Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, said it was time to "condemn a little less" as he called for more practical help to those sleeping rough, such as more hostel beds and night shelters, and vacant property to be made available to the

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Les Byrom, 40, has risen through the ranks of Sefton Borough Council since he was first elected to the authority in 1985. He led the council from 1991 until last year. In 1990 he cut his teeth as a Parliamentary candidate in the Knowsley South by-election, which was won comfortably by Labour, and went on to fight the seat for a second time at the 1992 general election.

Mr Byrom, married with two children, is a rotund figure who frequently sports a voluminous, belted raincoat. A partner in his own firm of chartered surveyors, he began his formal association with the Tories in 1974, when he became chairman of Southport Young Conservatives - a record man, who joined the party only ten months ago. Local observers say



that Mr Byrom's long experience of Merseyside politics may mean he will be reductant to see Cabinet ministers and other high-profile visiting campaigners take centre

- LABOUR

Labour to fight Wirral South after the previous candidate, Ian Wingfield, resigned in November. As a director of the Department

of Trade and Industry in the North West, Mr Chapman was bound by rules forbidding civil servants from joining political parties and became a Labour member only ten months ago. His selection after such a short membership, when tradition requires potential candidates to have been Labour members for at least two Labour leftwingers.

His supporters will be highlighting the fact that he is the only one of the three main candidates who lives in Wirral South. They also more political clout than his Tory and Liberal Democrat opponents,



vorced with three adult daughters. Wirral South "Surrey on the Mersey". He runs a business

Democrats' third choice of candidate in Wirral South since the death of Barry Porter last November. She is deputy leader of the 42-strong Liberal Democrat opposition on Liverpool City Council and is described by her supporters variously as "thoughtful", a

Democrat candidate, Neil Thomas stood down after it emerge that he was facing a disciplinary inquiry in his role as chief executive of an adult training charity, Serve Wirral. Mr Thomas had replaced Phil Gilchrist, who was the Liberal Democrats' prospec-tive candidate in Wirral South at

Mrs Clucas, a Roman Catholic,



eaker. She is married with two children and has fought two central elections for the Liberal Democrats: Halton in 1987 and Crosby in 1992. fight the by-election Parliament in Merseyside East in

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Detective changes station in life as he retires to Lords

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THE clothes are more ceremonial than plain, but detective Rodney Muff believes he will have no trouble fitting in at the House of Lords after giving up his job to take his seat.

The 50-year-old constable, who retired from the West Yorkshire force earlier this year, is in Parliament as Baron Calverley of Bradford. The third Lord Calverley inherited his title when his father died in 1971, but was determined to continue his career as a police officer.

He remained plain Rodney Muff to his colleagues in Bradford until retiring after 33 years with the force. He said yesterday: "I shall take the same approach as I had when I was a policeman: to do the job to the best of my ability.
"I'd just like to use some

common sense and my background as a policeman. I feel that, being a police officer at the sharp end for that length of time, I have got my feet on the ground. I know what the average man feels.

"Most of my colleagues knew, though it wasn't something I shouted about. I'd like to think that they always took



Arms of the law: Rodney Muff in uniform as a young officer in 1963, the year he joined the police force, and the family shield which is part of his new life

hereditary peer, but a police officer and a member of the team. There was mickey-taking, but it was always good-

natured." He has taken the Liberal-Democrat whip even though the title was created in 1945 for his grandfather, George Muff, the Labour MP for Hull East, to boost the party's ranks in the upper house.

He thinks his grandfather would have approved of his choice of party. "He was a

Liberal to staft with It was only when the Labour Party was founded that his humble background swayed him. In those days there was a need for socialism. People were hungry, with nothing on their feet. I have a social conscience

but I am not a socialist." He sees New Labour as a different party to his grandfather's. Tony Blair wants to get rid of hereditary peers, he wants to get rid of a lot of things which are the fabric of

the land. He seems to want to get rid of everything that has stood the test of time.

"I haven't any set policies to take with me. I have never been especially political and this will be completely new to me I will be on a learning curve, but I intend to play my part to the full. It will be a fulltime thing for me. It is a serious business, it is not a job, it is your duty. On the writ of summons it states it is your duty to attend and it is the

highest court in the land." He will attend sittings five days a week, living in a flat in London and returning to Bradford at weekends He took his sear last month, but has yet to speak in a debate.

He said: "My wife is supporting me and there is an element of pride. I am just a humble policeman and I hope I can bring some sound common sense to the proceedings. My family has never had silver spoons in our mouths."

The title descended in 1955 to his father George, a former Army captain, but his job as a insurance official prevenies him taking his seat. Lord Calverley said: "He would have liked to have taken early retirement and done his bit in the Lords but unfortunately he didn't live long enough. I now find myself in a position to attend the House.

"I am doing this so much for my father. He would have loved to have done it. He was more of a political animal herause he knew my grandfather much bester.

'My grandiather died when was a kid, so I only have vague recollections of him. though I remember the hoo-ha of him going down to Parliament. It was all very grand."



Lord Calverley believes his years as a policeman will help him in his new role

Lord Calverley, who lives in a modest pebbledash house with his wife Barbara, SO, a nurse, and their sons Jonarhan, 21, a graphic artist, and Andrew, 18, a sociology and

social sciences student, joined the police as a cadet in 1963. He began on foot patrol in Bradford before becoming a detective in the Special Branch and aliens department. He

Crime Unit, winning two commendations. "The job has changed a great deal, for the worse," he said. "Police don't have the respect they used to."

Tories risk all in the lion's mouth

strategists believe that Europe could be a big votewinner, to judge by their bizarre new poster featuring a weeping lion. They are right that voters care more about Europe. But they are confusing separate and conflicting ways in which Europe affects public opinion — firstly, as an issue on its own ments; and, secondly, in shaping party images. A year ago, Europe regu-

larly came sixth or seven in the public's list of the most important issues facbetween 10 and 15 per cent in the regular MORI poils for The Times. The number of mentions varied, dependhad been in the headines. However, the number of mentions crept up last year to more than 20 per cent, and fourth or fifth in importance. In early December. mentions of Europe jumped to 38 per cent. second equal with education, behind the health service. The latest MORI poll

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showed a drop to 29 per cent, fourth in importance. However, as significant are large variations within the electorate. Nearly half of Tory loyalists - those who have stuck by the party since 1992 — regard Europe as among the most important issues facing Britain today, well ahead of schools or crime. By contrast, just a fifth of Labour loyalists

mention Europe.
Three in ten switchers those who have deserted from the Tories or swung behind Labour since 1992rate Europe as among the most important issues. Even more striking is that a third of Tory loyalists view Europe as the single most important issue facing Britain, compared with a tenth

of Labour loyalists. Underlining the potential for the Tories, a fifth of those who have deserted the party since 1992 regard Europe as the single most important issue. The Tories have lost ground against Labour since 1992 as the party with the best policies on Europe, but have recovcred a little in the past two years. These figures suggest that a strong line on Europe may be a good way

of rallying the faithful and appealing to some wavervoters. Tory strategists believe they can play the patriotic card — witness the Blair's alleged willingness to make conces

between the Tories and Labour on European integration - national controls immigration, frontiers, defence and foreign policy - are greatly exag-gerated, though the Tories are making the most of Labour's support for minor extensions of qualified reajorstyr woting and "social" Europe, Lehn: Major will later today conjure up a picture of job-destroying continental intervention social chapter. The Tories have a point here, and Labour has a case to answer about the possible impact but the significance for British industry is not as great as Mr Major claims.

On the single currency, while a re-elected Tory government would certainly not go in, a Labour admin istration would probably not do so in the first waveeven if, as Robin Cook suggested, it would favour entry if monetary union succeeded over its first three or four years. In any event, voters will have a final say in a referendum of a second election.

owever, the poten-ual gains for the Tories by campaigning on Europe may be offset by the party's divisions on the issue. Despite Mr Major's adroit efforts to create a facade of unity, every time Europe is mentioned, differences emerge, and one or other faction puts its "spin" on the compromise wording.

One of the most damaging factors for the Tories over the past five years has been the appearance of disunity because of Europe. Strategists would be mis-Europe is somehow the magic solution to their problems. Rather, it may remind voters of them.

> PETER RIDDELL

How long can Government policy go on restricting our growth?

Mills hires expert to improve CPS image

By Frances Gibb, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Director of Public Prosecutions has hired a communications chief to rescue the image of the embattled Crown Prosecution Service.

Dame Barbara Mills, QC,

has appointed Lyn Salisbury, now a chief press officer at the Department of Trade and Industry, to the new post after a: poll by MORI for a civil service union found low morale and poor communications within the service. Her task is to promote the CPS outside and inside the service.

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including, while she was at the Ministry of Defence, the Gulf War and, at the DTI, the future of the Brent Spar oil platform. The job would be a challenge, she said. I think the CPS gets a raw deal. People don't always understand the

constraints it is under. The CPS is playing down the significance of the post; a spokesman said it was in line with reorganisation in other government departments. But last week Mrs Mills confirmed that there would be a change in approach. "We are going to be far more pro-active," she said.

The Government claims that it believes in free trade and open competition. So far as international air travel is concerned,

the reality is very different. Manchester Airport's ability to grow routes outside the European Union is being stanted by red tape in the form of archaic regulations dating back to 1947, which were introduced essentially for military reasons, and before the introduction of passenger jets. These regulations - called bilateral agreements - require that before an airline can start a new service between 2 countries an international treaty between the respective Governments is required.

In today's highly competitive market place these rules are

an utter irrelevance to Manchester and other regional airports. Other Governments recognise this and pursue an Open Skies policy

to the benefit of their airports and countries. Major competitor airports like Singapore and Amsterdam therefore attract additional routes without getting snarled up in inter-governmental politics. By contrast, Manchester is constrained by a regulatory process which impedes and deters international airlines

The impact on the regional economy and on employment is enormous. An independent firm of analysis, York Consulting, has estimated that the introduction of an Open Skies policy

would create in the order of 10,000 jobs in the North West

An IATA passenger survey has found Manchester to be the 'World's Best Airport'. Many airlines want to start up routes to and from Manchester, allowing more passengers to fly directly to their chosen destinations, and creating jobs here rather than exporting them. The Government can unilaterally declare 'Open Skies' over Manchester and other regional airports and support the creation of jobs and passenger choice.

There is no good reason why the Government should not



Ms Salisbury, 49, has a good track record of handling sensitive issues in the news.

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY IN DAVOS AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Kremlin yesterday described the planned enlargement of Nato to include Poland and other countries in Eastern Europe as the "big-gest mistake by Western leaders for 50 years".

The Yeltsin administration declared that Nato enlargement would draw a "new line across the whole of Europe" and would "lead inevitably to a rethinking of all Russian external policy". This would include not only military relations with Nato, but also political co-operation with Western Europe and economic relations with the International Monetary Fund. the Paris Club and the World

The only circumstances that could make Nato enlargement tolerable for Russia would be the West's agreement to a legally-binding treaty of friendship between Russia and Nato. This treaty would have to give Russia a cast-iron and perpetual guarantee against any deployment of nuclear weapons and other military hardware on the territory of former Warsaw Pact countries - and it would have to be ready for signature before the Nato summit, to be

The major hardening of the Russian stance was an-nounced yesterday by Anatoli Chubais, the Kremlin Chief of Staff, who is generally be-lieved to hold plenipotentiary powers during the President's

held in Madrid in July.

Speaking at a press conference at the World Economic Forum at Davos, he said he was speaking out because of the lack of understanding of Russia's concerns among Western public opinion and leaders. Mr Chubais emphasised that, in making his statement, he was speaking with the authority of President Yeltsin and the Russian Government, as well as expressing the "universal" opposition to Nato enlarge-

Russia unveils plan to lead arms sales

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MUSCOW

RUSSIA has unveiled an aggressive strategy to beef up its arma sales abroad, vowing to lead the world in weapons exports by next year.

In a move likely to cause concern in the West, where Moscow's sale of military hardware to repressive reginnes is regarded as destabilising, Russia's state arms manufacturer has an-

Mikhail Timkin, the deputy director general of Rosvoruzheniye, the state arms agency, said: "If we are not hindered and if we are supported by the Government politically, we hope to catch up with the United States in terms of arms exports or even outstrip it in 1998," he said.

Russian arms exports were worth \$3.5 billion (£2.2 billion)

about the same value as those of France and Britain. However, the Russians have doubled their exports of military equipment since 1994, clinching orders worth just under \$10 billion.

The most controversial recent deal was the decision to sell advanced \$300 surface-tobecause it could trigger renewed hostilities between Greeks and Turks.

Russia has also upset the international community by selling three Kilo class submarines to Iran, warplanes to India and Malaysia, advanced weapons including jet fighters to China, and ten Mil7 military transport heli-

ment across the political spec-

Mr Chubais said Nato enlargement was "unacceptable to Russia under any conditions", but he recognised that the alliance was likely to take that step. Therefore the Russian leadership was offering compromise proposals.

Meanwhile, Ukraine was promised a special security relationship with Nato yesterday. The proposal was out-lined by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, in a visit to Ukraine. Nato sources said Mr Portillo was speaking in line with alliance policy of offering Kiev a similar partnership to the one now being

negotiated with Russia. The plan is to forge a formal security agreement with Ukraine which can be signed by President Clinton and Leonid Kuchma, the President of Ukraine, at the Madrid Nato summit. At the same time, a special security charter would

Senior German bankers and businessmen at the Davos meeting expressed growing scepticism about Italy's ability to join economic and monetary union in 1999.

Ulrich Cartillieri, a board member of Deutsche Bank and an outspoken proponent of an early monetary union. surprised many other bankers and shocked the Italian contingent when he asked: "How will France and Germany France and Germany explain to staly that it should stay out? In the view of many, if Italy is admitted to the single currency zone, it could be a time-bomb within the union. If these issues drag on much nger, the whole scaenario of EMU in 1999 could implode."

to follow policies very close to those of the German Government. Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, appeared to endorse the comments when he said there could be no softening of entry requirements for any country and that the "convergence criteria would take absolute priority over any artificial



The El Greco masterpiece, just 17in by llin, sold at Christie's in Manhattan

£2m record paid for El Greco

achieved in New York when the Cross sold for £2,239,130 (Quentin Letts writes).

The bid, at Christie's In Manhattan, was made anonvmousiv after brisk interest from a packed auction room. A Juan de Zurbarán painting: Applex in a wicker price of £1,777,950.

The El Greco masterpiece

the Crete born artist's residence in Rome towards the El Greco's trademark.

held to be an important moved to Spain. His crucifixion paintings from that era tend to show Christ alive, moment in his The history of the painting with a development of the is something of a mystery, there is little record of its surrounding canvas. existence before 1989, when it was acquired by the owner who has just sold it. The

Anthony Crichton Stuart, bend of Christie's Old Master auction, which raised more picture shows Christ after than E13 million, as one of the most successful mixed sales breathing his last on the Cross, the heavens above in recent years.

Cindy and Rita cover their tracks in udder secrecy

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BRITISH cows, shunned by Europe because of BSE, are coming out of the cold as farmers deploy factics normal-ly associated with deep-cover espionage agents. German agriculture offici-

als yesterday admitted that at least one German Galloway cow had thrown investigators into confusion by switching identities in a technique borrowed from Frederick Forsyth's The Day of the Jackal.

We still do not know the true identity of Cindy," conceded Franz Josef Feiter, the Junior Agriculture Minister. "We are hoping to gain some clues from our contacts in the British Ministry of Agricul-ture and Fisheries."

Cindy sent the already depressed German beef market into a spin when the Galloway - apparently German-born was found to have "mad cow" disease. Domestic beef demand dropped dramatically and several countries stopped all imports of German livestock and beef products - this. from a country that has reported only five cases of BSE since 1992 and which has been particularly stringent in its controls

Cindy slipped through the net. Or was she really called Rita? The transformation of Rita into Cindy follows sequence by sequence the method used by Forsyth's fictional assassin. He sought out the name of a dead child with approximately the same birth date as himself. A birth certificate was acquired and the agent applied for a passport in the child's name; similar techniques are still used in the espionage world.

The most plausible explanation for Germany's latest mad cow is as follows: a Britishborn Galloway cow called Camelia gave birth in July 1992 to a still-born male calf. Three years later the identity the dead calf as a living female called Cindy. She was given an appropriate ear tag. Under German rules, there was nothing to stop the sale of Cindy, Camelia's daughter. The cow passed from an East German form to North Rhine-Westphalia, where she died of BSE last December. However, in-vestigators believe that Cindy may never have existed: she

was, in the best tradition of the Cold War thriller, a decoy.

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Cindy, according to this version, was in fact Rita, imported from Scotland. This would have been illegal. It would also show that German controls are not all they are cracked up to be. If Cindy is Rita, however. Germany can still claim to be free of domestically-bred BSE.

Like all good spy stories, there are intricate subplots in this tale of intrigue. "There are three possibilities," said a senior agriculture official.
First, Cindy really is the daughter of Camelia. Or, Cindy is in fact Rita and is a direct import from Britain. Or, Cindy is the daughter of another unknown mother."

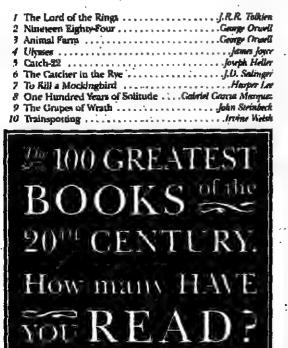
Last week it was even suspected, in all seriousness, that Cindy was her own mother. The identity of Cindy is still a mystery," said Herr Feiter.

German officials are utterly frustrated. "I cannot possibly position a policeman or a vet behind every cow's bottom," said Martin Brick, the Agriculture Minister of Mecklenburg region.
The Agriculture Ministry in

Bonn said yesterday it was sticking to its plan to slaughter 5,200 cattle imported from Britain, Northern Ireland and Switzerland, and that the future of the next generation of calves would depend on genet-ic and blood tests on brain samples from the slaughtered cows. The Health Ministry is continuing to press for a radical solution, involving the cuil of perhaps 20,000 cattle from two generations of British origin.

It is difficult to see how the Germans can come out well from the Cindy affair. If it turns out that she was German-born, the country's export market will suffer permanent damage. If she is found to be English or Scotcontrol system is likely to cause lasting harm to consum-

er confidence. New security measures will include chips implanted under the hide of every animal. Germany is also pressing hard for a European passport for cows — although Forsyth fans know all too well that passports are far from infallible.



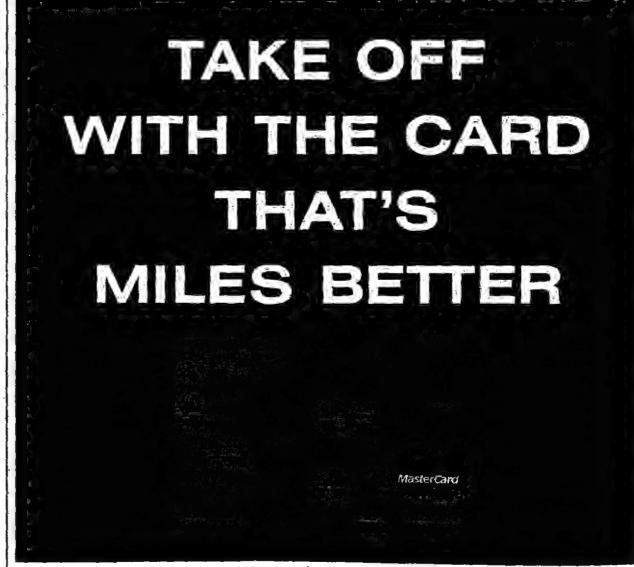
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Snap poll

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By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC CONTOR

MARIO FRICK, Europe's

youngest Prime Minister, ves-

terday won a snap election in

Liechtenstein and immediate

ly began negotiations on con-

tinuing a coalition that has

been in power since 1938. The

rest of the country was prece-

cupied with the annual Chil-

The election, held in sections on Friday evening and Sunday morning, produced little change in Europe's richest

country and the last one

governed by an absolute mon-

archy. The Fatherland Union

of Herr Frick, 32, returned

with 13 seats, the same as it

held in the last parliament,

The rival Progressive People's

Party won Il seats, a loss of

one, and the Green List - the

only alternative to the two

right-wing parties - doubled

its strength to two seats,

suggesting a new wave of ecological activism.

the carnival parade led to a big

turnout, of 86.8 per cent. As

soon as the voting was over.

Malcolm Rifkind arrived on

the first official visit by a

British Foreign Secretary for

an agreeable lunch with Dr Andrea Willi, Liechtenstein's

Foreign Minister, as the carnival parade continued. Mr Rifkind noted that Britain and

Liechtenstein had three things

in common: the same national

Combining the election with

oren's Carnival.

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Clampdown in Belgrade relentless dams tide of protests

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

YOUTHS hurling stones were November local elections. baton-charged by police and Speaking in Stockholm, where beaten in central Belgrade yesterday, but by nightfall the he delivered a speech on Europe, Mr Rifkind said he streets were calm and largely deserted in what one radio station described as a curfew. deplored the violence used by police against peaceful demonstrators. France for the first time gave its backing to Zajedno, and Herve de Charette, the Foreign Minister, invited the coalition's lead-

A rally of 80,000 protesters petered out in the afternoon sunshine, as not police quickly moved into position to prevent a march down the central Avenue of Serbian Rulers. There were isolated scuffles. but most protesters headed home as temperatures dipped. Several arrests were made and some demonstrators were treated for minor injuries.

The opposition Zajedno [Together leaders urged people not to reappear later, a tacit admission that the new schedule of evening protests in the city centre has been abandoned after Sunday's clamp-down. Serbian state television described events as a mormal police operation to clear dem-

onstrators blocking a bridge". What little action there was occurred mainly on the diplo-matic front, where President Milosevic's latest recourse to violence appeared to have lost him any lingering foreign support. Makoim Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, last night called on Mr Milosevic to recognise "without delay" the opposition victories in the

Night of fear as police go on attack

"VUK, Vuk, Vuk" chanted the crowd in support of the Serbi-an opposition leader, Yuk Draskovic. As they surged onto the Brankov bridge from Lenin Bonlevard early yesterday, the Belgrade air was thick with the smoke of huming tyres in front was a solid blue police cordon, riot shields reflecting the flames of the burriendes.

At some imperceptible moment, the mood changed. The blue barrier of Serbian state control suddenly lunged for-ward, no longer a line of individuals but a machine that coold kill and main. The crowd spilt back, its earlier humour and solidarity lost.

It was half past midnight. The police advance continued, smashing through the burning barricades, somehow faster at a march than the cameraman lell beneath thating truncheons. Some protest-ers rallied, lobbing chunks of concrete and bonles.

But the resistance was wilting. The demonstrators melted into the jungle of high-rise blocks. A few brave sonis lingered on the pavements. "Ustasha, Ustasha" (Second World War Croat fascists) they screamed at the police lines faming through the escape rootes. In the early hours, Bei-

grade's residents took solace in their treasured independent radio stations, Index and



Vuk Draskovic, the opposition leader, addresses a crowd of 80,000 in Belgrade yesterday as police keep watch

B-92. Throughout the city. thousands listened in to the aftermath of some of the worst riots since 1991. A war and sanctions have changed little, save that the people are angry and ten times poorer.

Index, a sort of bush tele-graph, warned them to stay indoors the police, it said, have orders to beat and arrest anyone wearing training shoes or carrying a whistle". Mr Draskovic responded. "There can be no more Gandhi-style resistance to this madness," he said on the air, calling for all citizens to take to the streets the next day. "All them something they can use

Mr Draskovic is a povelist, poet and philosopher, given to emotional outbursts tortured and beat him after protests four years ago. He told Index listeners police had just tried to shoot him in

to defend themselves,"

the old city, near Kalemegdan park. "It was to be the day of my death," be said. Fact and fiction are blurred

in Mr Draskovic's rhetoric, and middle-class Belgrade residents are becoming wary of his calls to revolt. He retracted his call to arms later. but the damage was done.

A division is emerging in the Zajedno leadership, with Mr Draskovic appealing to the rank-and-file and the djic winning over middle-income Serbs who do not want to see the few gains they have made in recent weeks lost in a bloody clampdown. Belgraders will continue their protests with whistles and flags, but the stakes are

now higher. The mandate of the contested Belgrade city council has run out, creating a power vacuum for President Milosevic to declare a state of emergency and direct rule in the capital.

anthem tune, the same wedge shape and the same attitude to Europe.
In theory, the principality's
Government holds little power: all authority is vested in the hereditary ruler, Prince Hans Adam II. He has clashed with his Government and threatened to dismiss it when he disagreed over Liechtenstein's vote not to follow Switzerland in keeping out of the European Economic Area.

With 30,000 people — most-ly living outside the capital, Vaduz, in the Alpine valleys — Liechtenstein, 66 square miles, is rich. Apart from offering a tax shelter to foreign companies, it makes money from high technology, stamps and ceramics: it is the world's teeth, a main export.



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is proving fertile ground

Mainstream parties work on strategy to thwart Le Pen right bastion has rattled the Government. "What we all want is

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARES

Leading article, page 19 Photograph, page 26

ers - Zoran Djindjic, Vuk

Draskovic and Vesna Pesic -

all gave differing interpreta-

tion's of the morning's dra-

matic events. At a press conference Mr Draskovic de-

nounced the "terror" of the

President and said the clamp-

down was "living proof of the brutality of his police". Mr Djindjic, whose more moderate tones are winning

him favour with the diplomat-

ic community, said that the

police action was a typical knee-jerk from the President,

most probably inspired by his impatient Communist wife,

Mira Markovic. "She proba-

bly said to him how can you

allow these junkies and crimi-

nais to threaten people in the town?" Ms Pesic agreed that

Mrs Markovic could have

been behind the clampdown.

The three Zajedno leaders

to Paris for discussions.

FRANCE'S mainstream parties sought to unite against the National Front yesterday after its novice candidate forged ahead in the first round of a municipal election.

With the National Front now poised to win control of a fourth southern French town, Alain Juppé, the Grallist Prime Minister, issued personal plea for the Government's own candidate to pull out of the mayoral race in Vitrolles, just north

National Front in next Sunday's second round of voting. Catherine Mégret, standing for the

National Front, captured nearly 47 per cent of the vote last Sunday, just three percentage points short of outright victory. The Socialist incumbent, Jean-Jacques Anglade, trailed her by ten points while Roger Guichard, representing the ruling centre-right coalition, polled a dismal 16 per cent. "We'll finish the job next Sunday," Mrme Mégret said.

The mayoral election in this depressed town of 39,000 people, tension over immig

been marked by violence, accusations of fraud and claims that Mme Mégret is a political lightweight acting as the puppet-candidate for her husband, Bruno Mégret, who is the Front's deputy leader.

M Mégret was disqualified from standing for the Mayor's job because of overspending in his 1995 campaign, but there is little doubt that he will be running Vitrolles if the Front emerges victorious next weekend. The righthand man to Jean-Marie Le Pen, the Front's leader, M Megret has said that, if the party wins, be contender a chance to block the and growing unemployment, has who will mainly occupy her time, in prospect of another southern far- the plague and cholera".

his words, with "public relations". National Front campaign posters urge townsfolk to "Vote Megret", while a cartoon on the front page of the Liberation newspaper yesterday showed a rat-like M Mégret leading his wife on a leash.

With unemployment at a record level, the South has proved a fertile recruiting ground for M Le Pen, whose party advocates sending back three million immigrants and giving employment priority to white French people. The Front controls Toulon. Orange and Marignane and, with

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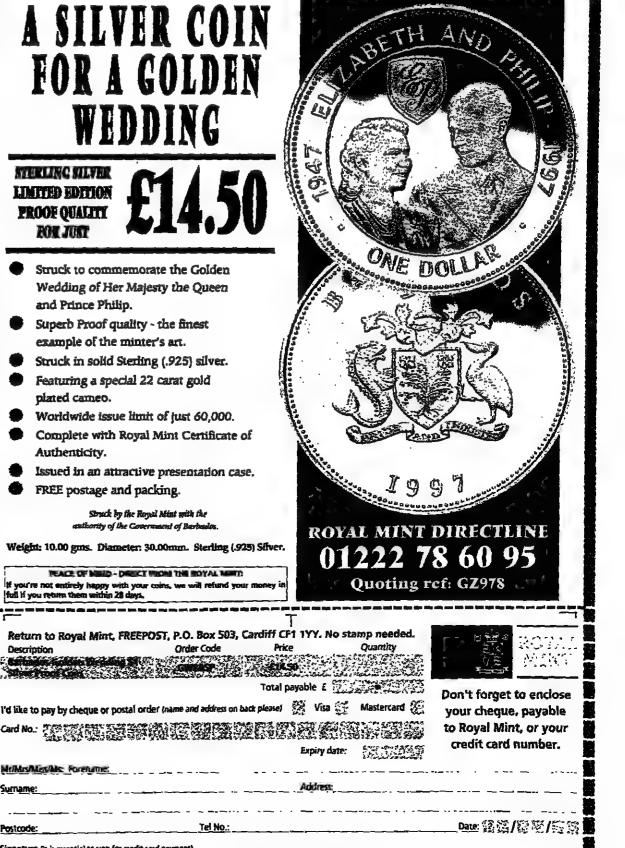
the centre-right candidate who came third to pull out," M Juppé said yesterday, urging that a single mainstream candidate should oppose Mme Mégret. Opposition Socialists applauded the idea, but M Guichard has

refused to oblige, arguing that M Anglade should stand down. One faction within the ruling centre-right coalition, led by Hervé de Charette, the Foreign Minister, urged M Guichard to stay, insisting that Vitrolles



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Clinton hopes to appease foes with tax-cutting budget

make \$98 billion (£61.25 bilof his budget, which will be unveiled before Congress on Thursday, in an attempt to appease Republican opponents and get his second term off to a productive start.

Despite the tax cuts, his budget also lays out a plan for viping out the federal deficit - the gap between the Government's annual income and spending — by 2002.

The balanced-budget goal, a totem of many Republicans but anathema to liberal Democrats, is in sharp contrast to the kaleidoscope of highspending aims of his first term and shows how far Mr Clinton has dragged his economic policies in the Republicans' direction since then.

A financially prudent Gov-ernment will be one of the main themes of his State of the Union speech tonight. He will also focus on the looming task of moving people off welfare and into jobs and, most controversially, reforming the rules on election funding after the most expensive campaign in US history. However, it is the budget more than the speech that will

Dole pushes wife to White House

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

look at it."

publican presidential candidate, hopes that he might still enter the White House in four years time — as the first First Gentleman in American

The retired senator is now promoting the candidature of his wife. Elizabeth, president of the American Red Cross and a Cabinet secretary in successive former Republican woman Secretary of State," said Mr Dole, referring to the



"Liddy" Dole: nurses hope of being President

recent appointment of Madeleine Albright. "It's only one more step now. It's going to happen ... I encourage her to

voiced by some leading Republicans even when Mr Dole was running for the White House last year. Many felt that the charismatic Mrs Dole - known as Liddy would have given President Clinton a much tougher race. Despite her charming Southern demeanour, Mrs Dole, 60, is fiercely ambitious. She has harboured a strong desire for the presidency since her student days at Duke, Harvard and Oxford.

The advice from her husband shows that he is serious about his wife's prospects. comes, then take a look." Mr Dole, 73, has yet to find a suitable outlet for his own semi-retirement, apart from numerous appearances on chat shows, as cameos in television comedies or various advertisements. He is now considering writing a regular er column enance "If I were President" and has been approached as a tele-

term; it forces him to put numbers as well as words to his campaign pledges. The budget's conservative tone, disclosed in interviews vesterday and on Sunday with senior administration officials, reduces the risk that it will be savaged by Congress, thereby undermining Mr Clinton's ability to achieve much in his second term.

The proposed \$98 billion of tax relief, to be spread over five years, will consist largely of credits allowing families or students to set the cost of education against tax. Mr Clinton has made the extension of higher education the most prominent social policy

Tax relief will also be directed towards the costs of home ownership, and the budget would lift capital gains tax on selling a home. Like the educational tax credits, these proposals are directed mainly at middle-income families.

Mr Clinton proposes to pay for \$80 billion of the tax cuts by clawing back rafts of business subsidies and tax loopholes that have built up over decades, such as exemptions from tax for interest and dividends.

Republicans in the Senate and House of Representatives, who have called for larger and less specific tax cuts, of up to \$160 billion, have given grudging approval to the tone of the budget but will find plenty to attack. In particular, they have called for more tax cuts to be directed at higher income brackets.

They also criticise Mr Clinton's plans for Medicare, the ever-expanding healthcare programme for the elderly, for failing to ask well-off pension ers to contribute more.

Mr Clinton will also face a fierce separate battle with Congress during the next few weeks over a move to rewrite the US Constitution to force the Government to balance the budget each year.

The President argues that it vill shackle the Government's ability to help people during recession or to help the econo-



Lance Alstodt, a 26-year-old New York banker, jumps for joy after winning \$1 mil-lion (£620,000) with a single kick at an American (nothall match in Hawaii (Quentin

Mr Alstodt strode out in front of a 50,000 crowd at

Banker leaps at \$1m goal

every year to the winner of a draw sponsored by a chocotised. To cheers from the

looks from the sponsors the ball sailed over. The banker who

The banker whooped, jumped and then fell over. "I took advantage of my soccer style," he said. "As through I was shocked." Then he added: "Show me

Judge tells of unease after his first death sentence

FROM QUENCIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A SENIOR judge who sup-ports capital punishment has admitted that he had difficulty sleeping after he sent his first death-row convict to his execution.

The disclosures of California-based Judge Alex Kozinski, which were immediately attacked yesterday by a legal ethics organisation, were highly unusual but gave an insight into the strains judges endure during death penalty appeals.

Judge Kozinski, a member of the Ninth Circuit of the US Court of Appeals, wrote a personal article for the New Yorker magazine, detailing hour by hour his fitful sleep on the night Thomas Baal was sent to the execution chamber in 1990. Judge Kozinski re-called that he awoke with a start, sat upright in the dark-ness" and that his role in Baal's death by lethal injection "took hold of my mind and would not let go". He said he suffered a "nagging sense of unease, something like motion

Although he restated his belief that it was right to put Baal to death, the judge noted that he found himself hoping that a last-minute stay would

be granted. . It is the custom for judges not to discuss personal cases and Judge Kozinski was criticised sharply yesterday by Americans for the Enforcement of Attorney Ethics. Leo Stoller, its director and an opponent of capital punishment, said: "Judge Kozinski is well regarded but it is shocking, very disturbing, that he has discussed this case. When you rule on someone's life your feelings have to be clearcut." Mr Stoller predicted that the judge's remarks would be seized on by defence lawyers who come before him in future representing death-row

The judge's recollections coincided with the start of a debate yesterday in the 370,000-member American sible adoption of a call for a moratorium on capital punishment across America.

Somali pirates demand ransom

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Mogadishu: Somali gunmen seized a Kenyan cargo ship off the southern port of Kismayo and are demanding \$15,000 (£9,000) for its release, port officials said yesterday.

They said that eight militia-men using speedboats seized the Clove, which was carrying consumer goods from Monbasa. Kenya, before it could enter the port to unload

The Regional Piracy Centre of the International Maritime Bureau in Kuala Lumpur said, meanwhile, that attacks on ships rose by five to a record 175 incidents last year. Indonesia was the most badly affected country. (Reuter)

Bookfair blaze

Calcutta: Fire destroyed an international bookfair here, killing one person and reduc-ing thousands of volumes to ashes. The victim was one of four taken to hospital with burns. (Reuter)

Bombs defused

Baghdad: Iraql newspapers said civil defence teams had so far defused more than 352,000 allied bombs, including cluster shells and missiles. since the end of the Gulf War in 1991. (Reuter)

Indonesia link

Jakarta: A conglomerate run by a daughter of President Su-harto will build a £1.53 billion road-rail link in the Indonesian capital, ending speculation about a subway. (Reuter) Indonesia supplement, page 2

Killers let off

Beijing: Two mentally handi-capped men who started a fire that killed 36 people in Shanghai will not stand trial. Psy chiatrists said the men were incapable of taking responsi-bility, China Daily said. (AP)

Stings removed

Taipei: A breeder agreed to remove 30,000 scorplons from his backyard after complaints they were used in goormet dishes and also in Chinese

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Zaire claims allied troops coming to rescue

ZAIREAN officials yesterday claimed to have chartered aircraft to fly troops from Togo, Morocco and Chad to help to put down a rebel offensive which yesterday threatened to take Shaba province and add a third rich area to the guerrillas' territorial gains (Sam Kiley, Africa Corr-

According to a senior official in Kinshasa, Zaire's capital, the three countries were to send troops which would be backed up with training by Israel and China. Egypt was to supply. Zaire with infantry equipment.
The military official said: The planes

for the operation have already been chartered." However, he did not say when . soldiers would arrive in Zaire. President Mobutu arrived in Morocco

yesterday for talks with King Hassan. Yesterday both east Zaire's rebels and the Government said there had been

Katanga). The rebels said from their base in Goma, which they took last November that the town had already fallen along with most of Watsa, where white merce

naries were trying to defend the airport. The military official in Kinshasa insisted that Zaire was about to launch a recruiting campaign to arm and equip 13 commando brigades of 2,000 men each.

Israelis open road to Hebron

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

PEACE hopes in the Middle East received a new boost yesterday when Israeli troops purely reopened an arterial road in the disputed West Bank city of Hebron for limited Palestinian traffic for the first time in three years.

Last month's US-brokered peace deal paved the way for Palestinian ambulances, taxis and municipal vehicles to travel along a section of the road, known to Arabs as "Martyrs" Street" and to Jews as "King David's Street", with further sections to be opened over the next four months.

The opening of the street means that the two sides are committed to implementing the agreement and the return of normality to the city," Mustapha Natche, the Pales-

tinian Mayor, said.
Tomorrow Binyamin
Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, will fly to Jordan to meet King Husain and on Thursday he will meet Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader. to map out the next steps in the revived peace process.

Angry leaders of the 450

militant settlers in Hebron attacked the Government for opening the road, a move which they lear will make them vulnerable to car and lorry bomb attacks. "It is a reality," Noam Arnon, their spokesman, said. "It will be flooded with Arab cars which will pose a real danger

to the Jews here."

LI Gaza: A Palestinian held by Palestine Liberation Organisation security forces in the West Bank city of Nablus was tortured to death during interrogation, the Palestinian Justice Minister said. (Reuter)

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Ousted Pakistani leader denies plan to leave country as voters show their apathy

deman Bhutto vows she will not recognise defeat in 'rigged' poll

A VISIBLY tense Benazir Bhutto, sensing an inevitable defeat for her party yesterday, said that she would not accept an unfavourable election result and delivered a warning of impending political turnoil in the country.

"I will not concede to the

outcome of a doctored election," she said as her Pakistan People's Party faced the prospect of being routed. Miss Bhutto said that she would accept the result only if it was similar to that of the 1988 and 1993 polls when her party was swept into power. She accused the caretaker administration of pre-election rigging in 63 of the 217 national assembly seats. There was, however, no evidence to support her

allegations.
Mian Nawaz Sharif, who
served as Prime Minister from
1990 to 1993, was widely tipped to resume the role as counting began last night after what appeared to be a dismai turnout. Only 15 to 20 per cent of the 56.5 million eligible to vote cast their ballots, the lowest in the country's history. There were few reports of violence at polling stations, guarded by 250,000 troops and monitored by observers from the United States, the European Union, the Commonwealth. South Asia and the Human Rights Commis-

sion of Pakistan. The defiant former Prime Minister, whose Government was dismissed on corruption charges by President Leghari three months ago, vowed that she would regain her lost political ground. She denied reports that she was planning to flee the country. "It is absolutely out of the question

land where my father and brothers are buried," she said. Miss Bhutto's tone sent a clear. warning to the new government that she would maintain her confrontational stance.

The voting trend clearly indicates, however, that she has significantly lost the charisma which once made her the most popular Pakistani leader. She is desperately fighting to maintain her polit-ical hold in Larkana, her home district. A shadow has been cast over her future by the death of her extranged brother, Muriaza, and the charging of her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, with his murder.

The disenchantment of her erstwidle supporters was clearly evident as an over-whelming majority of people in Larkana did not participate people to greet her when Miss Bhutto visited polling stations. She looked extremely disturbed when she found out that she was the first person to vote in her local station an hour after polling started.

We have always supported Benazir, but she did not do anything for us while in government," complained Rahim Baksh, a shopkeeper. Miss Bhutto's position has

been damaged not only by her detained husband, but also by the bitter family feud. Her hitherto undisputed claim to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, a former Prime Minister who was executed in 1979 by a junta, has also been damaged by Ghinwa Bhutto, her Lebanese-born sister-in-law. Muriaza's widow, who now leads her husband's party, has campaigned fiercely against



Nawaz Sharif, leader of the Pakistan Muslim League, is kissed by a supporter at the polls in Lahore yesterday

Imran Khan stumped at ballot box

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TWO leading figures in Pakistan failed to vote in yesterday's election.

Imran Khan, the cricketer-turned-politician, failed to cast what would have been his first vote in an election because no one from his party, the Tehrik-i-Insaaf (Justice Movement), was standing in the

town where he was registered.

And President Leghari did not vote herause he said he could not travel to his

Mr Khan, who founded his party last year, appeared in Mianwali, but found nobody from his party to vote for. He parties, Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League, or Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan

"It was a question of either voting for the Muslim League or the People's Party," he told reporters, "Neither of the two parties, I feel, has done justice in the past and I do not expect wonders from them now. Unfortunately the Tehrik-i-Insaaf could not field a candidate in my

Mr Khan, who led Pakistan to triumph in the 1992 cricket World Cup, has said he did not vote in previous elections because he was out of the country playing cricket.

electoral law. President Leghari comes from Dera

Ghazi Khan, where his family members, including two sons, were candidates. But he told reporters during a visit to a polling station that he could not travel there because of his busy schedule and that he had not obtained a postal ballot. He dismissed allegations by Miss Bhutto that the polls would be rigged and

said all efforts had been made to plug loopholes so there would be no fraud. He said there would no delay in transferring power to the new government and that the next administration

Sisters-in-law vie for right to family legacy

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

THERE is one near-certainty if Benazir Bhutto is defeated: she will be back. Her courage and determination, if not her ethics and motives, are beyond question. Jail and humiliation have not stopped her; nor would a second rejection at the ballot box.

The Bhutto legacy claimed by women. All the hanged, one shot, one probably poisoned. Like the Kennedys and the Nehru-Gandhis, the Bhuttos attract disaster. This has never dulled Miss Bhutto's passion for power. Nor is she cowed by the imprisonment of her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, accused of murdering her younger broth-er, Murtaza, a political oppo-

That only women fight for the Bhutto legacy is a Paki-stani paradox, given the state of women's rights. Fewer than 60 women contested yesterday's election; women carry witnesses in courts of law and proving rape is nearly impos-sible. Women in tribal areas granted the vote for the first time in yesterday's poll — were warned by religious leaders not to cast a ballot.

Ghinwa Bhutto, 30, Murtaza's Labanese-born widow, is an improbable political player. She speaks almost no Urdu, has lived in Pakistan for only three years, and knows little of the deadly world in which she is dabbling. She did not confront her sister-in-law directly in the poll. Instead she opposed Benazir's mother, Nusrat Bhutto, who has Bhutto family seat of Larkana in Sind province.

Ghinwa Bhutto does not intend to leave Pakistan. "I belong here. My children are from here. We all either live or die here.

Benazir Bhutto's camp is probably responsible for rumours that spreading a belly-dancer in Beirut and that Murtaza was planning divorce. "I don't want to turn this into a catfight," Ghinwa

not in a hurry to come to power. Benazir was in a great hurry and had to compromise on many things. She twice had a chance, but she messed up."

The two women are opposites: Benazir is arrogant and imperious, while Ghinwa is placid and a listener - the ideal demeanour for a woman moving in the conservative world of feudal landlords.

The battle dismays women's try's few women politicians to concentrate on women's rights. Miss Bhutto did not submit any legislation on ional Assembly in her second term of office - indeed, only one significant law was passed, the Abolition of Whipping Act. She preferred to govern through promulgating presidential ordinances, 335 them in three years.

Hilda Saeed of the Women's Action Forum said: "I cannot think of any women politi-cians who have stood up for

Ghinwa is the only Sindbased politician who talks to the Mohajir Quami Move-ment, based in Karachi, which represents immigrants and their descendants from India This irks her sister-in-law who refuses to talk to the MQM, which has fought a seven-year civil war against ethnic Sindis -- of which she is one. The battle of the Bhuttos has barely begun



Benazir Bhutin passion

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coming ton Australian people's panel to debate axing monarchy

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN EVONEY

AUSTRALIA will move a step nearer to the declaration of a republic today when the Government announces plans for a people's convention on the vexed issue of cutting constitutional ties with Britain. John Howard, the Prime

Minister, is expected to announce a July date for the nation to elect a group of about 300 citizens who will debate the wisdom of axing Australia's formal links with the United Kingdom. A vote in favour when the

convention meets in December would pave the way to a non-binding plebiscite, followed by a national referen-Half the delegates would be

dum on the subject. appointed and the other half elected under a national ballot, government sources said yesterday. Serving politicians

A SECRET deal that will

allow 40 Chinese dissidents

sheltering in Hong Kong and

their families asylum abroad

before the Chinese takeover

on July 1 was revealed

According to Time maga-

zine, eight foreign countries

have "grudgingly" accepted

the approximately 80 people. Britain is to take between ten

and 15, but, like the other

seven countries, the Hong

Kong Government is unwill-

ing to discuss the details for

fear of antagonising Beijing.

This reluctance may be un-

necessary; it is understood

vesterday.



Howard: poll pledge to hold referendum

would not be allowed to run, but major political parties would be represented, with 50 per cent of appointed places reserved for delegates from federal, state and territorial parliaments. At least 10 per cent of places would go to

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

that the Chinese, who publicly

demand that the Hong Kong

authorities return the "crimi-

nals to justice", have warned

Britain that it wants the

dissidents gone before the

America will accept five to

eight dissidents and Japan

will take two. An Australian

official is quoted as saying

that his country has "taken

our fair share and it is time for

other countries, notably Brit-

Many of the dissidents,

whose status is essentially

defined as political refugees

who would be in danger in

ain, to do the same".

transfer of sovereignty.

to end speculation that the Prime Minister has gone cold on his election promise to hold a referendum on the issue of a

Mr Howard has said that, if there is no "clear consensus" from the people's convention. public opinion may be tested through a non-binding plebiscite. A majority of voters in a majority of states would have to back the republican move in a referendum before constitutional links with Britain could be axed.

Republican supporters had hoped to replace the Queen with a president by the turn of the century. But the declara-tion of a republic before 2000

seems unlikely.

Mr Howard is likely to

come under pressure to scrap the people's convention and move directly to a national plebiscite in an effort to cut costs and speed the process. Haven for Chinese dissidents

their native country if they returned, came out via an

underground network called

Operation Yellowbird, which

is still operated by some of Hong Kong's criminal secret

societies, the Triads, and their

confederates across the

Some of the top leaders in

Tiananmen were smuggled

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after the killings in the sum-

mer of 1989. Last year well

known dissidents and former

political prisoners such as Wang Xizhe, now in America.

escaped to Hong Kong via

Plea for food aid by North Koreans

FROM REVIEW

NORTH KOREA announced yesterday that it had only half the grain needed to feed its people, a move that appeared aimed at putting pressure on America to give more aid.

In an unusually frank de-scription of its plight after two years of floods, North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said the country's 24 million people were suffering "temporary food problems".
"The nation's annual de-

mand for grain is about 7.84 million tonnes, of which 4.82 million tonnes is needed as food," the KCNA report, monitored in Tokyo, quoted the Flood Damage Measures Committee as saying. "Last year's flood damage made the grain output drop to 2,502,000 Last week the International

Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said food rations had dropped to a level four times lower than considered essential for a healthy population. Twice in the past month North Korea has put off attending a US briefing on proposed Korean peninsular peace talks pending a grain deal with America. Last month Washington said the Minneapolis-based Cargill Inc. the world's largest private grain trading company, could export 500,000 tonnes of wheat and/or rice in

what was expected to be a barter arrangement. ☐ Seoul: South Korea's Red Cross will send 700 tonnes of flour to North Korea today. the second such shipment in a week, the Red Cross said.

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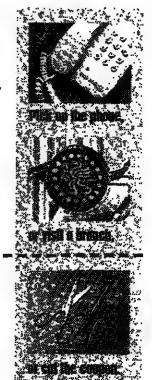
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Singapore Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Senior Minister, and his son, Lee Hsien Loong. a Deputy Prime Minister, have jointly sued Tang Liang Hong, an opposition politician, for defamation, in a legal notice published yesterday. Mr Tang, who is in London consulting lawyers, already

ing defamation issued on behalf of members of the People's Action Party (PAP) since the January 2 general election in which the PAP won 81 of 83 seats. Goh Chok Tong, the Prime

Joshua Jeyarctnam, leader of the Workers' Party (WP). Yesterday's notice of the

Lees' action against Mr Tang alleges that they were slandered by him three times during the campaign, in which he stood as a WP Minister, and ten other PAP members, including the Lees,

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PROSTATE CANCERSTING YEAR SOOT THE WILL SUITE TO common male cancer. Yet, unlike breast cancer, it is that Jeremy Laurance reports on controversial new reason

female organ we would hear a lot more about it. Cancer of this small, neglected gland at the base of the bladder kills more men than the combined toll of cervical and ovarian cancer in

It is the second most common cancer in men, after lung cancer, claiming 3,600 lives a year and the deathrate has doubled in the past 20 years. sumption of meat, although

likely to get the disease. Although breast cancer kills

more women — almost 14,000 a year — the huge investment in developing new breast cancer treatments appears to have paid off and the deathrate is falling. By contrast, deaths from prostate cancer are expected to go on rising and by 2010 it is predicted to be the biggest cancer killer of men.

Despite this rising toll, prostate cancer is little discussed and attracts attention only when it strikes a famous figure. The former French

President François Mitterrand died of the disease and the US Gulf War general, Norman Schwarzkopf, is a sufferer. Other declared patients include the comedian Michael Bentine, who died last year,

and the Conservative MP Ju-

lian Critchley. Barely £400,000 a year is spent on prostate cancer research compared with an estimated £15 million on breast cancer research. Commenting this disaparity. Julian Critchley wrote: "Could it be that women are less inclined to false modesty when talking

about breast cancer than men are about a condition that threatens and, indeed, destroys their virility?"

This week two reports reviewing research on the cancer are likely to provoke further controversy by casting doubt on the value of surgical treatments and dismissing calls for national screening programme. The reports, conducted for the NHS by the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination at the University of York, will say most men diagnosed with the disease would be better off adopting a "watchful

waiting" policy to see how the disease develops rather than opting for radical treatment with the risk of serious sideeffects and little prospect that

it will extend life. Screening tests for the cancer, such as that which led to a scare for comedian John Cleese (a biopsy later proved he was in the clear), detect raised levels of PSA (prostate specific antigen) in the blood, but are inaccurate — picking up only 30-40 per cent of turnours, although this can be increased when it is combined with other tests. More accurate tests are becoming available but they will still leave the patient in whom a diagnosis is made with the dilemma of what treatment to choose. Doing nothing may often be best, but some men may feel uncomfortable about living

with a cancer. The early symptoms of pros-tate cancer are indistinguishable from those of benism (non-cancerous) enlargement of the prostate which affects almost all men as they grow older. The prostate gland, whose function is to produce the seminal fluid in which the sperm swim, surrounds the urethra - the tube connecting the bladder to the penis - and as it swells it may interfere

with the flow of urine. Difficulty in urinating, a weak or intermittent flow and increased frequency, especially at night, are the commonest

tion when urinating, blood in urine or semen and pain in the lower back, upper thighs or pelvic area may also be cer can be confirmed by a biopsy - taking a small sample of tissue with a needle inserted via the rectum. The central puzzle of prostate can-cer is that it defies the general rule that early detection and

ireaiment is aiways the best route to a Dr Jonathan Waxman, consultant oncologist at the Hammersmith Hospital, London,

and director of the Prostate Cancer Charity, set up to raise funds for research, says the condition is best thought of as two

In the first, the cancer is localised within the prostate gland itself and is mostly indolent or slow-growing. It is extremely common in older men, affecting four out of five of those aged over 80. Among 50-year-olds, between one in ten and one in 20 are affected but most will have no symptoms. There is no evidence that early treatment prolongs life," Dr Waxman says.

in the second type of the disease, the cancer is fastgrowing and may have spread

bories, or is very advanced within the prostate itself. Even should be conservative, aimed at curbing symptoms rather than attempting a cure. Dr

Waxman says. "If you want treatment choose the least invasive option. Radiotherapy for local disease has far fewer side-

effects than surgery," he says. in cases where the cancer is more advanced or has spread, as levealed screening in bone or CT scans, treatment to suppress the action for the of the male hormore featurement. disease on which the cancer depends, can delay progression of the disease in 80

> Other specialists disagree with this approach. Roger Kirby, con-suitant urologist at St George's Hospital, London, says early treatment gives the best chance of stopping the disease in its tracks.

per cent of cases.

"We want to catch patients while the disease is still curable. If it has spread beyond the prostate it is incurable."

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radical prostatectomy proves the cancer has gone, the PSA level comes right down and we can say with some certainty

that they are cured." "Although Watchful waiting very cost-elicitive, it can damage the quality of life for some people to have the Sword of Damocies hanging over

arely, the cancer may recur after surgery, but if caught 80 per cent, Mr Kirby says. Dr Waxman claims up to 70 per cent of men undergoing radical surgery to remove the prostate are rendered impotent and 40 per cent are made incontinent. He says surgeons who dispute these figures have not questioned patients closely

enough about side effects. Mr Kirby rejects these fig-ures. "If I had an incontinence rate of 40 per cent I would be out of business. I have done 250 radical prostatectomies and our incontinence rates are about 3 per cent. However, the impotence rate is over 50 per cent. That is the trade-off for removing the cancer and getting a zero PSA. A lot of men in their 50s and 60s are prepared to take that choice. But I always say if you are worried, choose radiotherapy."

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wrong with my arm.
"One Saturday morning in October 1970 I noticed that my left arm was in continual spasm. Soon a tremor replaced the spasm and I pan-icked, because I knew this was

a symptom of brain tumour.
"My GP said he felt certain it was early Parkinson's disease. I was so relieved at not having a terminal brain tumour that anything less was

welcome. "My search for a cure began in the autumn of 1971. I began instructing myself about the relatively new treatment with L-dopa; with prevention in mind and the current theory that large quantities of the drug might indeed retard the progression of Parkinson's disease, I stuffed myself with L-dopa in as large and many doses as I could tolerate."

Four years into the illness Dr Todes's neurologist went to America and he was unhappy with his successor.

"I disapproved of his piecemeal approach to my symp-toms, his failure to treat me as a total person and his prescribing additional drugs. Then, during the course of Cecil Todes, a child psychiatrist, was 38 when Parkinson's disease forced him into a tortuous, irreversible spiral of decline

my treating a 13-year-old girl who had hysterical paralysis of her leg she ended up walking across the room un-

"I was excited by the thought that Parkinson's disease might, in my case also, have its genesis in early traumatic experience. At the age of seven, my mother died. It was the most shattering event in my life.

"By the second drug-free day, and after two sleepless nights, my wife became inreasingly alarmed by my feverish excitement. On the fourth day I found myself so excessively excited and ex-hausted that I allowed my wife to call a trusted colleague and friend. My GP pre-scribed Largactil. After recov-ery in hospital. I gave up my bid for self-cure.

y 1988. I was ready to try a pioneering optransplanting foetal cells into my own brain, replacing my degenerating cells with fresh

ones The transplant failed. "I watched the disease's development from a minor disability to one which prevented me from carrying on my profession. Far from being a linear progression that one

might suppose from reading

about the illness, it is more of an emotional rollercoaster. The capacity to respond positively to medication sup-

ports the hope, each time, that one can lead an unrestricted life for part of the time. It is as if the gods breathing fire into

then worthwhile and one evades the sure knowledge of a return to emptiness. It is a let-down of magical expectation to discover that one is getting worse, not better, and, more than that, the doctors. can't do anything about it." ● Adapted by Anjana Ahuja from Shadow Over My Brain, by Cecil Todes, (Windrush £12.95)

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Sex and the single virgin

unte the most surprising sexu-al disclosure for several years has just been made by a svelte. 26-year-old rock music critic from New York. Tara McCarthy. whom some of the murkier prints might call a "lonesome, long-legged lovely", has admitted to the world: I

am a virgin.

Miss McCarthy, moreover, has written a slim volume on the matter, to be published in June. Been There, Haven't Done That - A Virgin's Memoir is its title, and the old literary sluts I know in the book trade reckon it will sell like hot buns. It is, as they rightly note, a long, long time since anyone made such a brassy

Her hold statement of virginity may finally mark a newera in which young women will realise that it is okay NOT to have sex with a bloke. Seated in her unusually neat, white-painted flat in Brooklyn, she says that since she started talking in public about her virginity she has received many messages of support from women of all ages who share her condition. There is a silent society of virgins out there," she says briskly. "I've met loads of 'em."

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The accent is Irish-American. Yes, she is a Roman Catholic, and convent-educated, but her faith was but one of many influences. She is not particularly churchy, unlike her late mother, a devout woman who died when Tara was 16. "I remember my mum telling me about sex, saying it was a thing you did with someone you loved," says Tara. Since then she has been waiting for "Mr Right".

There has been a stream of "Mr book after I went out one night with a Vrongs", a gruesome, long line of few girlfriends in New York," she hern, to be trank, which is exactly says. "We spent the evening in various Wrongs", a gruesome, long line of them, to be frank, which is exactly what she is in her book. It goes into collar-loosening detail about some distinctly below-the-navel encounters; yet every time she remembered to say "no" at the crucial moment and is delighted to have done so.

Tara McCarthy is not the first woman to spread the message of restraint. Respectable old maids and the Archbishop of Canterbury have urged against casual sex, but this time the dispatch arrives from the front line, from a woman who strides confidently to her door, mini-skirt flapping to display a yard of slender. black-stockinged thigh. Has she a "type" of man? "Yeah - trendy." And it helps if they wear Doc Martens. What she may lack in the chest and chin departments she makes up for with wit and a beady eye. "I know I'm reasonably attractive," she says, without boasting. "I'm a very sexual person — not a prude. But it is just a personal, self-esteem issue. I'm saving



Tara McCarthy is a rock critic and a New Yorker. At the age of 26 she has written a book in praise of virginity - her own. Quentin Letts reports

should ensure that it is read sweatily by every pubescent schoolgirl in America, but her message is the more shocking thing. Since 1963 — to take Larkin's chronology — the Western world has reared its young increasingly to believe that there is no point withstanding nature's lusts. In television, literature, the press, advertis-ing and the family, the unrelenting message has been "go for it, kiddo — just take precautions". There have been free French letters at the school gate and sex lessons — loftily bestowed by the socialist state - from kindergarten upwards. Now, while the rest of America's young are copulating like voles, here is a sassy virgin to put the

She will probably make a pot of gold. The network char shows are clamouring at her door and the lecture tour beckons. There is also some public ribaldry to be endured. Television news bulletins, which last week reported her story (along with The Times), inevitably gave it the soundtrack of Madonna's tacky little song Like A Virgin. She lets slip that her brother has also been taking some flak from his mates.

"I decided to write the bars and the men who approached us all behaved the same way. They wanted only one thing." I see from the book that she is a woman who "sips" her Guinness. Hmmn. That figures.

The lads in her local neighbourhood on New York's Staten Island acted much the same way as the handsome, intellectual young studs she came across at Harvard and the cool, skinny rakes she found after moving to Ireland temporarily to cover Dublin's smoky rock scene. In squeeze after squeeze, she would meet a man. progress a certain distance, then go no further. Some guys, when told about her virginity, did an emotional handbrake turn and accelerated in the other direction. Others lingered, certain they were irresistible. They were not. Yet others, faced with perhaps being her first true lover and of failing to live up to the great night's expectations, legged it out of terror.

"If I'd had sex with every man who was willing to do it with me in the last

The graphic detail of the book five years I'd be afraid I'd catch something from myself." she writes in the book. "Any guy who's ready to jump into the sack with me has more than likely made the same jump with any number of women before me."

One boy, on the first night she met him, asked if she was on the Pill. Nope, replied Tara. "What are we going to dooooo?" he wailed. Said she: We're not going to have sex."

Not that the book is really anti-men. It is not our fault that the bra-burners of Sixties feminism encouraged this helief in serial swinging. Quite what the frowning feminist police will make of Tara McCarthy one shudders to think. Her book is being published by Warner, which last year released The Rules, a "how to catch your husband" book of romantic instruction, which the sisterhood LOATHED because it suggested the use of womanly guile. McCarthy says simply: "I have my own kind of feminism."

he claims she is guarding her purity not for any husband-to-be, but for her own spiritual satisfaction. She tries not to think too hard about the moment ahead. "I am not expecting a mindblowing orgasm or the best sexual experience of my life. The physical pleasure of it isn't nearly so important to me as the emotional release - body and soul. When the right time comes I'll know it. For that matter you probably will, too. The earth may very well grind to a halt!"

Her book will, one suspects, allow numerous women to breathe a sigh of relief at the thought that they are not alone in having yet to score, get lucky, land a lay. There is no sane voice talking about this to 16-year-old girls at the moment," says McCarthy. "it's often coming from a religious person or someone political, but never anyone normal.'

If she demanded that everyone follow her example she could be dismissed as a proselytising bore, a spoilsport in need of a good thrash in the long grasses beyond mid-wicket. But the open manner in which Tara McCarthy discusses her virginity, and the merry acknowledgement that this world takes in all sorts, and the fact that some people may want a tumble earlier, some later, marks her simply as a champion of choice; a choice that social orthodoxy and peer pressure have, in recent years, denied too many girls. May Tara's earth move, but not till the day she says yes,

Bitchy, affectionate, confessional

Take a dozen women, a couple of novels, some wine — the result is a book club, says Rachel Morris

There's a seductive fashion sweeping the part of London where I live. By that peculiar law of the universe which ensures that we all do the same thing at the same time, every woman I know has joined a book club. I don't mean those competitive and ambitious organisations where top authors are invited. to speak, but book clubs that are more like women's groups, where women can meet once a month to talk about books and to grow, by turns, bitchy,

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defiant, affectionate and

confessional. The beauty of a book chab is that anyone can start one. All you need is (up to) a dozen women, a couple of novels, a comfortable room and some bottles of wine. You should have no difficulty finding women to join because book chubs legitimise going out for women who do too much. Unable simply to slope off to the pub, we need the excuse of self-improvement. But remember that women are better at book clubs than men because the point about a book club is its intimacy and revelations. No book club I know of allows men into its meetings and if, at the end of the evening, a man should sidle in to share a cup of coffee, an embarrassed silence will fall upon the group. Going to a book club is the mental equivalent of visiting a sauna: it's hot, steamy and conducive to conversation. And, quite simply, it's something that women do better



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works best - everything from Wole Soyinka to The Horse Whisperer via a couple of Russian classics. A different room each month is an advantage because it affords a glimpse into other women's ives. Finally, food, alcohol and something in common — like the school run — adds to the occasion because it's a common source of gossip. After that, the book club can

than men. The book dub is

where I go to get my fix of female camaraderie.

A wide variety of novels

commence. Every meeting is different some are sad, some wistful, some upbeat and some quarreisome. It seems that we read novels to understand our lives because first we talk about the book, then we talk about other books and then, quite quickly, we shade off into talking about ourselves. In this way the book club is like the hairdresser or the beauty salon ~ it's where women go to tell each other stories. When the book, for some reason, doesn't obliterate real life then we move straight on to other things: 10 work. partners, teachers, neighbours - all the themes, in fact, of a Joanna Trollope novel, which only goes to show that the woman knows one thing at least, and that is what interests human beings.

But sometimes the opposite occurs and the book rises above real life or at any rate lights it from a different angle, although it is not always the best books that

have the most effect. The Horse Whisperer prompted a passionate debate between the puritans and the libertarians - which of us would leave our families, and for whom.

There is something very sweet about a book club meeting it is like feminism

hugely supportive. In fact, the book club is probably the natural successor to the antenatal class. Book clubs strengthen friendships that already exist and create others you would never have thought possible. And the longer a book club lasts, the stronger grows the camaraderie as bereavements, illnesses and divorces are brought into the group. Quite soon you will find that the book club starts to require a certain faithfulness. Unwritten rules apply - it's OK not to finish a book but not to pretend you've finished it when you haven't. Book clubs work because women have a natural swarming instinct, but also because of that peculiar power of novels to reach the parts of the human mind that would otherwise stay cold. • Ella and the Mothers, by Rachel Morris, will be published by Sceptre on April 17, E16.99

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Labour's no soft touch for Europe

The Shadow Foreign Secretary,

Robin Cook, on Tory vacillation

hether to join a sin-gle currency should be decided after a hard-headed assessment of Britain's economic interests. The decision cannot be made now, but only when the time comes and the full facts are

We have made it clear that any decision by a Labour government to recommend joining will need to be backed by a referendum. Many Conservatives, however, seem ready to decide now not to join, before the full facts are known. They seem even to be prepared not to consider Britain's economic interests, but to rule out joining as a matter of principle. because of overriding constitutional objections.

Yesterday, the Foreign Secretary seemed to express sympathy for this view. He said the issue of a single currency was "much wider" than matters of economic self-interest, and that the Government had "not taken the view" that Britain should join if the conditions were right. So will the Government stay out of the single currency as a matter of constitutional principle if it goes ahead, and succeeds, and if Britain suffers from being outside it? The Cabinet is close to answering "yes"

to that question Consider John Major may Major's comments yet rule out New Yorker. He monetary said that giving control of interest rates to an independent European bank was an "argument for

union on

principle

never going in, and , one we will have to confront at some stage". Tory Eurosceptics met this with glee, and took these remarks as a full endorsement of their position. Indeed the comments do lend themselves to that in-terpretation, but the Eurosceptics also know of Mr. Major's

dictory signals over Europe. The Prime Minister sees his role as balancing factions, " rather than winning the argument one way of the other. He has given the fatal impression that the Government's policy towards Europe is up for grabs. By responding to those who shout loudest at him, he has ensured that both sides shout very loudly indeed.

Look at the history of Mr Major's comments on Europe. Contrast, for example, his New Yorker comments on monetary union with his insistence to The Irish Times a few years ago. He said: "There is no more important issue facing the EC than the path we choose towards economic and monetary union. We are all committed to that goal. It is no

longer news." Equally, on the issue of a single currency referendum, he has allowed himself to be blown about. During the Maastricht debates he was unequivocal: "I am not in favour of a referendum in a parliamentary democracy, and I do not propose to put one before the British people." Taking his cue from this, Ken Clarke said that "if people in the chattering classes think that my constituents are longing to have a referendum on the details of economic and monetary union. I think they are slightly up the creek". Yet as the shouting from his own side got louder. Mr Major was forced to concede a referendum.

His position on a multispeed Europe has also been transformed. When he became leader, he could not have been clearer: "I don't want a twospeed Europe. I think a twospeed Europe is unequivocally bad for Europe." Within a couple of years he was brazenly championing a Europe "varying when it needs to be multi-track, multi-speed, multi-layered." Yet even now he appears to be open to offers with regard to Britain's rela-tions with the EU. Not long ago he said we should be "at the heart of Europe, working with our partners in building the future". Now he would not dare repeat that.

These examples are of more than historical interest. If John Major is unsure of his position, it is little wonder that his confusion is shared by his Cabinet, his party, the country, and other European governments. Britain loses influence in Europe because its Prime Minister has not set out his views coherently. He is perceived as being easily influenced and as being held to

ransom, so his negotiating position lacks credibility. As a result, he cannot secure the best deal for Britain. The recent indications of a more sceptical line should be seen not as a declaration of a new policy, but as the latest in a seemingly endless stream of con-

iradictory statements. They will no doubt be balanced at some later stage by some carefully chosen Europhile remarks, as when, a few months ago, Mr Major described the Eurosceptics as living in cloud-cuckoo-land". Or perhaps the Eurosceptics deevertually get the upper hand.

There has been much talk about Europe waiting for Labour. Tories have been quick to argue that this is evidence that Europe believes we are a soft touch. This is fanciful. We will be prepared to use our veto on strategic issues if it is in the national interest, but that we will not pursue isolation as a policy. On the single currency, we will act according to British economic interests and the agreement of the people expressed in a referendum.

Yet it is true that many

European governments are fed up with John Major's equivocations and self-contradictions over the single cur-rency and everything else. The Tories disarray on the issue has been thrown into stark relief by the revelation that Central Office has approved 12 different wordings of government policy for use in Tory candidates personal manifes-tos. Little wonder that Britain's negotiating position in Europe is weak, vacillating and ineffective. Europe wants a strong Britain, capable of leading and shaping the de-bate, capable of talking on equal terms to the other leading players, capable of sticking to its guns. Under Labour, that is what Europe will get.



SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION

Farewell superwoman

ow dare they? How dare they pull out the emotional stops and cause flashfloods of oestrogen tears by calling that damned programme "Missing Mum"? Did Panorama deliberately set out to undermine the economy this morning by upsetting huge swathes of the workforce?

Did they mean to cause a chain of car-park accidents, design flaws, misdiagnoses, futile rows, orders faxed in error to Kinlochbervie and cups of coffee spilt into the innards of the photocopier? Is the BBC a licensed Far Boy with a mission to make women's flesh creep? Was the whole exercise the result of a canteen bet on who could extrapolate most widely from the GCSE results of a handful of teenagers in Barking and Dagen-ham? Or was it just pote mischief to inspire headlines like the one saying "Can mothers work full-time without (This is what Latinists call a Num question, one which expects the answer no. Or, to put it in the full form: "No, you selfish bitches, get back to the kitchen!")

Well, that's what TV journalism is all about, bless its excitable little heart. You can't think about monetary union all the time, and it was understandable that Panorama should seize joyfully upon the theory that children with two working parents do worse at school than those whose mothers work part-time. This conclusion was rather shakily based on a 600-strong survey in east London which showed that the children of full-time working mothers got worse GCSEs than those of part-timers. I say shakily, not only because there is more to life than GCSE but because it also transpired - cops! - that the children of mothers at home full-time did even worse. This was brushed aside by the researchers on the grounds that those mothers were poor and badly educat-

ed, and so a bit hopeless anyway. The general line of the argument that women damage their children educationally as well as emotionally by going to work, even when they are at secondary school - was catnip to the media. Daytime TV shows can now whip up studio arguments between overachieving power mums in Nicola Horlick suits and saintly homebodies in soft fluffy sweaters. with the obligatory rentamouth child psychologist to add intellectual credi-bility. Defensive women will be asked to justify the daily structure of No one said balancing careers and children was going to be easy

their lives in a way no man would tolerate for a minute. Much hay will be made by those strangely irritating headmasters who like to get their names in the papers by pontificating about "middle-class deprivation" and citing mothers with high-powered jobs (ie. those who earn more than headmasters) as the sole reason why 15-year-olds mysteriously lose inter-est in what their very wonderful schools have to offer.

I refuse to enlist. Can't fight, won't fight. Politicians would do well to keep out of it too. It is not their business. The only thing to say to govern-

want to use public good, then don't waste time lecturing us. Concentrate instead on the unarguable needs of the very worst-off. Put money and imagi-nation into helping the most deprived

and ignorant and bewildered children: give them smaller classes, places to do homework, libraries, friendly guides and mentors to replace lousy parents. Give them psychiatric ser-vices, creative outlets, fresh air, safe clubs, guidance, hope. That should keep you out of mischief for a few decades while the rest of us get on

Which, for all parents, is one long compromise. Some mothers and fathers, I grant you, are selfish and insensitive enough to prize their own enjoyment and status above their children. Some are materialists who think you can buy anything. Some children are neglected in favour of work, just as others are neglected in favour of social life or shopping.

booze or drugs. Most parents, however, do better than that. They try to be thoughtful and unselfish, and they worry about their children. Some successfully manage two careers and a decent family life. It is not painless: there are unsung heroines (even a few heroes) who put their dearest ambitions on the back burner at some stage be-cause they see that their children need another kind of support. They turn down the demanding promotion, the glitzy offer, the travelling brief or departmental responsibility. What Americans call the "morning track" is a daily reality in thousands of women's lives. It is not much discussed, just ruefully acknowledged.

Anybody with a wide acquaintance among women will have seen a pattern emerging in many different trades. Let us assume that you are not at the bottom of the financial heap, and can lower your joint earnings, without actually losing your home. The pattern goes like this: you have babies and rapidly shed juvenile illusions about superwomanhood.

> childcare, you de-cide trease the pres-sure. You work part-time or freelance in your own trade if you are lucky, or do a deadend but flexible job if you aren't. There

are endless surprising variations on this: did you know that in the mid 1980s functions at 10 Downing Street were often catered for by two professional women from Suffolk with six small children and no nanny between them? They were so efficient that never once did a visiting statesman break a tooth on a bit of Lego in his vol-au-vent. When Margaret Thatcher fell, one caterer's small boy wanted to go on sending her minipizzas, such was his vicurious loyalty.

There are women at home with sewing-machines, computers, icing-bags, galley-proofs, telephones. Some do crummy jobs because that is all they can get, but others are movers and shakers: major publicity campaigns for new books are often handled from messy front rooms with babies under the table, and high-profile national talking-points are raised in radio documentaries produced by job-sharing women who scrape Farex from highchairs while negotiating hot interviews on the phone. Devilishly ingenious, these mothers.

As children grow, some of these women ease back into jobs and schoolchildren accept that just as they

have their daily encounter with a workplace, so does Mum. The bal-ance is still very tricky: there are hard decisions, and professional pride and satisfaction sometimes find themselves outranked by night terrors or-bullying, illness or GCSE pressure. These decisions are private, intimatematters and they vary from one family to the next. So do children: some can have two busy working parents and a patchwork of afterschool arrangements and clubs and rather enjoy the sociable variety of it all. They do well at school, but by the age of it would be appalled by too much mothering, and still more appalled at constant interference in

heir school life. Other children genuinely need the peace and stability of a daily early tea at home for years, they cannot flourish without hours of soothing. supportive conversation with at least : touch with their teachers and their friends' mothers. If you happen to have produced one of these, then you have a stark choice. Either you sideline your child's obvious needs" and hope it doesn't do too much damage in the long run; or you give a fatalistic, grimacing shrug and arrange for at least one parent to be more accessible, for more hours, all the way up to A level. It is just one of those damn things. There is absolutely no way you can arrange in advance to have a naturally cheerful and independent child, and any childcare guru who claims that you can is lying. Luckily, most children fail somewhere between the two extremes, and most parents adapt.

A mother's career story, sometimes father's too, is an everyday story of conflicting duties, compromise with fate, odd lucky breaks and frustrating missed chances. But then, so is life itself: Moral choices are everywhere, every day. Parent or not, you can opt to be self-centred and insensitive to the suffering of those who depend on you. Or you can try to do your best, and have the humour and humility to recognise a stupid cruel situation when you find your family trapped by one. With luck you have the cunning to wriggle out of it and make everybody slightly happier.

So cheer up, sister. Stop banging your head on the collee machine and summon up a watery smile. Do what you judge best. As long as you are honest in the judging, things will probably be all right.

Major's May Day lifeline

Woodrow Wyatt

is scornful of March madness

Thatever happens at the Wirral by-election on February 27, the Tories must stick to May I to ensure a reasonable prospect of winning the general election. March would be madness. April is the month when the Budget tax cuts begin to fructify in voters pockets, cheering them up. The harsh and depressing winter will be behind us. Some sunshine, warmth and spring flowers should transform irritation with the Government into a feeling that life is not so bad, so why risk a change which could make it

Last Friday Tony Blair spoke to 2,500 students at a suith-formers conference — an ideal audience. He was startled by 17-year-old William Goodhand: "We hear him going on and on about what terrible things the Conservatives have done to education and the health service and what an unfair society they have created. But he cannot say he is going to creare a just society and then follow Conservarive spending plans for the first vaive spending plans for the first two years of his government. It just does not add up." Others accused Mr Blair of making false pledges to gain power. He cannot be sure of the young.

Peter Kellner, whose judgment I respect, examined in last Sunday's Observer the relationship between how governments act on at the final

how governments got on at the final by elections before dissolution and their subsequent fortunes. Labour's victory in 1964 was preceded by a byelection in which the Tory vote fell by 12.5 per cent. When Heath won in 1970. Labour's drop in the preceding by-election was 13.2 per cent. Labour's return in 1974 followed a Tory fall of 15.9 per cent in the Thatcher's win in 1979 followed a decline of 28.1 per cent in Labour's vote in previous by elections.

The percentage drop in the Con-servative Governments, share in by-elections preceding their victories was 85, 6.6 and 6.3 respectively. If Labour wins Wirral by 3,000 votes or fewer, the Tories will be looking good their share of the vote would have fallen by only 6 to 10 points. A Labour win by 5,000 votes or more would be grim for the Tories, but not necessarily conclusive. For the first tor. The public's previous indifference has been joiled by alarm that we may be pushed down an irreversible slide into a federal united states of Europe.

new awareness is evident A among the public that the EU, with its rising unemployment and drooping economies, is not a sensible place to lose our thousand years of independence. Germany's attempt to bully us out of bidding for the 2006 World Cup strengthens that conviction. This is not xenophobia. nor a wish for a two-tier or a twospeed Europe. We wish them well in whatever economic or political combinations they may assemble, but they are going in a different direction. They have chosen the social chapter, which, with all its welfare burdens on employers and concessions to trade unions, has increased their production costs. Britain is not the biggest, but it is now in many ways the strongest economic power in Europe.

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Reckless of the incipient harm, Labour has pledged to join the social chapter and believes that joining a single currency is inevitable at some point. In the Commons on January 23. Mr Major said that "on the information currently available, it is very unlikely that the single currency will proceed safely on January 1, 1999, and that if it did proceed without reliable convergence, we would not be part of it. None of our partners can meet the convergence requirements without fudging, and most cannot achieve even a semblance by fudging.
Pulled down by Italy, Spain and
Greece, the euro is likely to be much weaker than the pound. A supposed gain for the EU is the certainty of no variation in the exchange rate for 4 contracts in euros. That is no help to British exporters or importers. They already hedge against variations in exchange rates in Europe or elsewhere. A strong pound has two supreme advantages: the need for discipline in keeping costs down, and cheaper raw materials from abroad. Incidentally, our adverse current

account deficit with the EU and Western Europe has steadily increa-sed to £21 billion in 1995. Our surplus comes from the rest of the world --the US. the old Commonwealth, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Our EU partners need us more than we need them, giving us a strong hand in any treaty renegotiation. That financial genius George Soros

said last weekend at Davos: "You can't have a common currency without a common fiscal policy." Not only interest rates, but also taxation must be forced to converge in all the countries which join the European monetary union. So the Chancellor's annual Budget would be made not in Whitehall, but by the European central bank - dominated by Germany. The vital difference between the British parties is the willingness of Labour to contemplate subjugation in all matters of finance and taxation to European authorities. The Tories need to bang away P-H-S vigorously explaining this clearly and simply before May Day.

Hello girls

AFTER more than 350 years, the Prince of Wales's former prep cat was moulting profusely in the school, Cheam Hawtreys near Newbury in Berkshire, is to become co-educational in September. The news caused a frisson of chalkflying excitement among its 160 boys, although some admitted to apprehension.

Prince Charles regarded Cheam. which merged with Hawtreys school in Wiltshire two years ago. as a Dickensian nightmare. He is likely to regard the decision to take girls as an improvement. The headmaster, Christopher Evers. says from the splendid Edwardian manor house that he believes the change will be hugely successful.

"It is all very exciting. But if any parents want to place their daughters here they must realise that to begin with they will be in a minority."

Boys expressed concern that girls might dilute their prowess on the playing fields, but Evers claims that most of them took the news like men. One said he wouldn't mind if the girls were the same age." he said, adding that not all parents or indeed governors regard pigtails with the same

Cabinet Office waiting-room yesterday. Is he coming out in sympathy with Tony Blair?

The creeps

IN RECOGNITION of the tenacious interviewing techniques of Radio 4's Today programme hosts.



them Fifa and Eufa?

Sickening

BUMPED OUT of his frontline position as spokesman-in-chief for the Referendum Party. Patrick "PR" Robertson yesterday took the day off work with food poisoning. Colleagues say he was close to tears after the appointment of Bernard Shrimsley, an old newspaper hand, as his successor.

James Naughtie and John Hum-

phrys, London Zoo has named two cockroaches in their honour.

americans) appeared on the show last week alongside the Secretary of State for Agriculture, Douglas Hogg, to illustrate their potential

use as spies down inaccessible cre-

vasses, with mini-cameras strap-

They arrived when I was interviewing the Secretary of State, looking quite frisky in their sand-

wich box," recalls Humphrys, "but

while Hogg was talking, one of them flipped over on its back, wig-gling its legs in the air as if it

was about to expire." Apparently

Hogg was unimpressed by his ugly

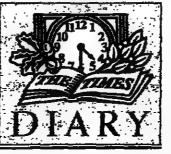
audience when it was pointed out:

You should try sitting in Cabinet,"

ped to their backs.

The reviled insects (Periplaneta

Yesterday, he was said to be skulking round the Pimlico flat that he shares with Robin Birley,

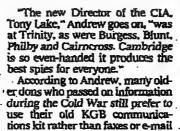


Sir James Goldmsith's stepson, who last week stood down as the party's candidate in Kensington and Chelsea. Definitely time for the Robertson dry Martini. Modest to the last, he claims to make the best in London.

I spy: you too? SPYING is in fashion again at

Cambridge, according to a recent Spy Forum addressed by Professor Christopher Andrew, a history don at Corpus Christi, and by Oleg Gordievsky, the former double

gent.
"More and more Russians are coming to study in England, and they prefer to come to the famous places," says Gordievsky, "Many of them are talent-spotting for the KGB and its successors in the



"Take a look at Oxford," adds Andrew cryptically. "There is that only semi-explained matter of Norman Stone's departure to his Chair of Eternal Truth, or whatever it is, in Turkey. interesting, isn't it?"

 Smoke emission rules mean that bottles of favourite alcoholic drinks can no longer be placed in coffins due for cremation. Also out are books, records, tins of paint (over my head, that one), leather iackets and crash helmets. Computerised cremators can tell whether fume emission regulations are being breached, which means the dead must go on their way alone.

Hay fever

THERE was audible relief in the box office of the Haymarket Theatre last night after Jessica Lange

announced her recovery from the flu which kept her from both Saturday performances of A Streetcar Named Desire. Receipts fell dramatically, but a voice at the stage door was cautious about letting on: "Members of the audience were offered alternative dates, and some accepted. But you have no need to know how many."



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THE COOK CURRENCY

Labour remains more likely to lead Britain into EMU

As the election draws near, Labour poli- levels of unemployment, industrial output, ticians are finding their European pronouncements subject to the same hard scrutiny that the Conservatives have long had to endure. The smallest hint is interpreted not as trimming to the wind but a change of course. So it was that Robin Cook's remarks on Sunday were pored over yesterday for signs of a shift in the party's

position on a single currency.

One newspaper portrayed them as "anti-EMU", but most decided that the Shadow Foreign Secretary had increased the chances of a Labour government joining in a second wave. "If it goes ahead and it succeeds," said Mr Cook, "then you cannot stay out. It would take a very sober and serious calculation to stay out beyond 2002." This statement overshadowed his more sceptical comments about winning allies against the Franco-German domination of the EU.

Few believe that a new Labour government would take Britain into a single currency in 1999. Even if Labour leaders thought this desirable (and many do not), the legislation and argument needed; not to speak of the referendum, could destroy a new administration. There is little political gain to be had; and, whatever Gordon Brown may hope, much to be lost.

But voters who are thinking of a switch to Labour still need reassurance that their decision to give the Opposition a five-year chance will not lead to irreversible actions in that period. Is it now more likely that Labour would sign up to the single currency during. the next Parliament than that the Conservatives would? Neither party is prepared to oppose EMU in principle. Both claim to be ready to make the judgment on pragmatic grounds. Those grounds could change in

unpredictable ways between 1999 and 2002. Both parties have, over recent years, become less enamoured of the single currency project. Mr Cook has added to the Maastricht criteria other indicators such as investment, productivity and export performance. This should enable him to say, closer to 1999, that the necessary convergence has not been achieved. The Conservatives, meanwhile, have pointed to the fudging of other countries' statistics as a good reason for not joining in the first wave,

Just as the present Cabinet plays host to divergent views on Europe, so does the Shadow Cabinet. Mr Cook, John Prescott and lack Straw are all sceptical; Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, is as enthusiastic as Kenneth Clarke. Mr Cook's comments could be seen as an attempt at a rapprochement with Mr Brown, with whom he has frosty relations. Tony Blair, who is as hard to pin down as John Major, does not want to see the sort of bickering over Europe among his lieutenants that the Prime

Minister regularly suffers. If a Labour government decided to join in 2002, the electorate would have a doublelock on its actions. First there would have to be a referendum. And secondly, there would almost certainly be a general election. After that election it would still be possible, albeit expensive, for a new government to entricate the country from EMU.

It would be desirable if voters were to know better what the chances were of EMU membership under each party. Instead, they hear the same equivocations from Labour as they do from the Tories. They can, however, look at the likely complexion of the parliamentary parties. Even if the party leaderships are similarly diverse in their views, the Conservative parliamentary party is more instinctively hostile to EMU than Labour. Mr Blair is a tougher leader than Mr Major and Labour's European policy may thus not be as dangerous as the redweeping lion in the new Conservative advertisement seems to believe. But, on balance, Labour is still more likely to lead

MILOSEVIC AND FRIENDS

The world must speak to Belgrade with one voice

With water-cannon, tear-gas and baton charges that have injured hundreds of peaceable Serbian protesters, Slobodan Milosevic has turned to his feared paramilitary police - the last organ of authority on which he believes he can rely - to manufacture a breakdown in public order. His purpose is presumably to give himself a pretext for declaring a state of emergency, which would enable him to ignore any court order reinstating the opposition-local-election victories in Belgrade and other Serbian centres which he has refused to respect.

This abuse of police power is just what student and opposition leaders have feared from the start, 78 days ago, of their remarkable vigil for democracy; and for the first time, events may be slipping beyond their control. A few of the thousands of demonstrators have finally lost patience and hit back with stones and bottles. That plays Mr Milosevic's game. Overnight, the situa-

tion in Serbia has become dangerous. From Prague to London, European governments have reacted with indignation and anxiety. As Malcolm Rifkind said vesterday. violence will do nothing to solve the crisis in Serbia. But the only basis for political dialogue is for Mr Milosevic to cede the electoral ground first - if not on principle, which is not a word in his vocabulary, then on the pragmatic ground that using force to override inconvenient voting results merely stacks up more trouble to come. At present, he seems not to care about the long term, so long as he can suppress the symptoms of

disgust with his rule for a few days or weeks. It only takes 500 heavily armed paramilitaries to stop 50,000 unarmed marchers. Yet Mr Milosevic is gambling with a weak hand. The army is uneasy, some of his own

ministers have publicly denounced him without his daring to sack them as he would once have done - and the Orthodox Church, which has sided emphatically with the protesters, is challenging the police to behave as guardians of order and not of a

regime "sinking into ignorance". What the West can do is to underline its support for democracy, as France is doing by extending recognition to the Zajedno opposition coalition and inviting its leaders to Paris, and to emphasise in deed as well as word that Mr Milosevic is returning Serbia to international isolation.

The greater the co-ordination of Western policies towards Serbia, the better. At government to government level, a serious effort is being made. But in Britain's case, the impact of official firmness is weakened by the business involvement with Mr Milosevic of Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, and of Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, who was the Foreign Office repre-

sentative at the Dayton talks. Of his success in securing for NatWest Markets, his part-time employer, a contract worth £10 million to organise the privatisation of Serbia's telecommunications. Mr Hurd airily says that he "can't do anything about the political side" while claiming that NatWest is justified in making money out of promoting market liberalisation in Serbia. Neither statement bears scrutiny. As to political influence, Mr Hurd knows that he is seen in Belgrade as a link with government. And he should surely have learnt by now that Mr Milosevic is a man whose dedication to free markets goes no deeper than the calculation that selling off Serbia's only profitable state enterprise will replenish the

cashflow he needs to pay his riot police.

FOUL PLAY

England deserve a level playing field for the World Cup

They thought it was all over. It is not now. Football's Eurocrats may have imagined they could deliver the World Cup into German hands with all the insouciant ease of a Beckenbauer back-pass to an expectant keeper; but the Football Association is, rightly, determined to stand in the way. Uefa is wrong to insist that Germany should automatically be Europe's nominee as host of the 2006 World Cup. Uefa's officers may have thought they had a private understanding to favour Germany. If so they should recognise that the right to host football's premier tournament should be won, like the trophy itself, in open competition.

The choice of host nation for the 2006 World Cup will rest with the sport's world governing body, Fifa. The 2002 tournament will take place in Japan and South Korea. The next host after that is likely to be European and the support of Uefa, the game's European authority, will be influential in securing the nomination. Uefa claims that it has been committed to backing Germany since 1995. To decide 11 years in advance of the tournament that only one European country was worthy of the honour of hosting it is foolish in itself. To refuse to reconsider, when circumstances have changed, is folly on stilts.

England could not, realistically, have indicated a willingness to host the World Cup before 1996. The nature and persistence of England's hooligan problem, which had

caused English chib teams to be banned from European competitions, had left lingering doubts about the wisdom of staging a major tournament on English soil. Those doubts did not evaporate until after the success of Euro 96. That genial tournament raised more than just England's standing: it earned more than £50 million for Uefa.

But, as with the EU, so with Uefa. A net contribution to coffers has not bought influence. Instead, the bureaucracy has protected its own. Gerhard Aigner, Ucfa's general secretary, is German, as is the vicepresident and treasurer, Egidius Braun. They are determined that Germany alone will be Europe's candidate for 2006 and refuse to consider England. Their patriotism is admirable. Their methods are not.

England has the stadiums, the lottery funding and the enthusiasm to host a superb World Cup. Even on the Buggins' turn basis by which all too many international decisions are made, England has the first claim. Of the European countries with the capacity to host a 32-nation tournament, England has been denied the honour the longest. It may be that other nations, outside Europe, will better deserve the privilege of hosting the 2006 Cup. But whatever decision. is reached it should be after an open assessment of all the candidates. Uefa should not be allowed to elbow. England off the field before the world has had a chance to judge its fitness. The FA is right to cry foul.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nurses' pay levels 'dispiritingly low'

From the General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing

Sir, As the Cabinet prepares to decide on the recommendations of the nurses' pay review body more than half a million nurses are hoping for an end to five years of dispiritingly low pay awards.

Nurses are only too aware of the enormous financial pressures on the health service and the rumoured award of 3.3 per cent will be acceptable to them. What will not be acceptable is if the award is introduced in sta-

ges, making it almost valueless.

Again to treat nurses unfairly at a time of serious nursing shortages, with a general election only weeks away, is a high risk strategy for this Government and for any future one. A quarter of all murses will have reached retirement age by the year 2000 and the number of nursing students qualifying has dropped by 39 per cent since

Everyone speaks of nurses in the NHS as a national asset. But this as-set is in real danger of dwindling away unless politicians have the courage and foresight to pay this year's pay award to nurses in full.

Yours sincerely CHRISTINE HANCOCK, General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, WI. February 3.

Children's dental care

From Professor M. E. J. Curzon and Dr B. Hunter

Sir, The death of a child from septicaemia (infective endocardinis) (Medical Briefing, January 28) highlights a growing problem in the two areas of paediatrics and paediatric dentistry.

As more and more children who are born with heart defects are successfully treated by paediatric cardiologists, so the number of children at risk of subsequent injective endocarditis grows. Each year a number of these children die as a result of dental disease giving rise, as in the case reported, to septicaemia.

The dental care of these children is often inadequate because of a serious shortage of specialist paediatric den-tists. The few consultants in this field are almost entirely confined to dental teaching hospitals, where they work closely with their paediatricians to ensure that the dental care for children with heart defects is well controlled.

Uniorninately there is great resistance in most general hospitals to ap-pointing paediatric dental consultants. Money, facilities and the great pressure on resources are obviou main factors. More important is a lack of awareness of what these consultants can achieve.

A team approach between paedia-tricians and paediatric dentists helps to prevent tragedies such as that reported by Dr Stuttaford.

Yours faithfully, M. E. J. CURZON, (Consultant in pacific tie dentistry, Leeds Dental Institute). **BRUCE HUNTER** (Consultant in paediatric dentistry, University of Wales Dental Hospital Leeds Dental Institute Clarendon Way, Leeds.

On the register

From the President of the British Psychological Society

Sir, It is good to see the chiropractors following the osteopaths into having a statutory registration council (report, January 29). This means that not only will their therapies be more widely available but also that the public will be protected from the professionally

I look forward to the day when the profession of psychology similarly falls under the control of legislation. Many MPs, from all parties, would support legislation to register psychologists and protect the public, but the Government has refused to give parhamentary time

Yours faithfully. MARGARET MCALLISTER. The British Psychological Society,

St Andrews House. 48 Princess Road East, Leicester.

Cold comfort

From Professor Ged Martin

Sir, In times of crisis, Conservatives turn to Disraeli for inspiration: Perhaps they may draw comfort from the explanation that he gave, when Leader of the Opposition in 1854, of his reluctance to move against the crumbling chalition Government of Lord Abendeen:

i will not propose a vote of no combdence in men who prove to me every half hour that they have no confidence in each other. Then again, perhaps not.

I remain, etc. GED MARTIN, 103 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh. February 3.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be fazed to 0171-782-5045.

Toyota effect on inward investment

From Sir Roy Denman

Sir, Toyota's concern about its investment in the UK if we are outside EMU (letters, February I) goes to the heart of the current debate about Europe. If the Conservatives are re-elected, we are as likely to join a single cur-rency in the foreseeable future as the Spice Girls are to enter a numbery.

Outside a single currency area. whose first members will be designated early next year, British exports will be at risk. The comparison with Nafta made by Sir Alan Walters (let-ter, January 31) is misleading. Nafta is a free trade area, made up of an econ-omic giant and two tiddlers. The Eu-ropean Union consists of 15 member states, most of which want a politically integrated economic and social anion and will resent any attempt by one member to profit by not undertak-

ing the deeper obligations assumed by the others. If any factor — a sterling devalua-tion forced by speculation, low wages (social dumping), or lower taxes (fiscal dumping) — is seen by the inner group to give Britain an unfair competitive advantage in a single market, there will be pressure for action against its exports. Britain would then effectively be out of the European

It is not just Toyota which has perceived this. On January 16 Jürgen Gehrels, the chief executive of Siemens UK, said publicly that his

Robin Hood approach

From Mr Hugh Mellor

Sir. The Bishop of Liverpool speaks for many of us (report, January 28; letter, January 30) when he criticises the politicians for focusing the election on "comfortable Britain", leaving the vulnerable and needy without a voice. They, and others who wish to see positive, clear and radical proposals for dealing with gross and longrunning social injustice, find themselves without any way of indicating this by their voting behaviour.

The additional wealth in our society over the past 20 years has gone mostly to those who were already the richest, leaving the poorest tenth actually poorer on average in real terms. Are the parties right to assume, therefore, that the bottom tenth do not count in electoral mathematics and "comfortable Britain" will settle the election?

Yours faithfully. HUGH W. MELLOR. Lark Rise,

Risborough Road, Great Kimble, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. January 30.

Private lives

From Mr David R. Barday

Sir, The Listener column in The Times (Media and Marketing) of January 15 referred to "the secretive Barciay brothers", implying that we have

Our objection was not that the BBC and John Sweeney tried to visit the island of Brecchou; it was the way in which they achieved their objective. They gained access to the island by ignoring our refusal to allow them access and then by purporting to have an appointment to meet my brother

The Broadcasting Complaints

Commission clearly and unequivo-

North West a loser

From the Leader of Liverpool City Council

Sir, The announcement late last year that the lottery funding for the National Stadium would be allocated to Wembley rather than Manchester freport, December 18) was the latest in a long line of disappointments for the North West region. It followed closely a decision by the National Lottery Charities Board to allocate to this region only £220,000 of the £8.6 million awarded in December to "medical and social research charities".

When the National Lottery was established, some two years ago, the North West suffered from its impact on the pools industry, for many years a major source of employment, particularly in Liverpool. To appease the protests, assurances were given that this would be taken into account over a period of time, and that the region could expect to be compensated in terms of awards to local charities and

It would appear, however, that in reality the North West is being allocated considerably less lottery funding per head of population than the rest of the country. This would perhaps not matter unduly if the region was one that already had high living standards and an environment conducive to good health and a satisfactory quality of life. But this, sadly, is not the case.

Yours faithfully, FRANK PRENDERGAST, Leader, Liverpool City Council, PO Box 88, Municipal Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool. February 2

company would never have committed itself to investing up to £1.1 billion in a microchip plant on north Tyne side if it had realised that the UK might be out of a single European cur-

Peter Riddell is right ("Renegotiation means out". January 27). Either Britain goes forward with its partners to build a politically integrated, economic union or it is outside. There is no middle course. Talk about "renegotiating our terms of entry", or "retaining our sovereignty", or crying from the sidelines "You rotters are fudging the criteria", is shouting in me wind.

Yours faithfully, ROY DENMAN. 194B Avenue de Tervuren, 119) Brayeris February i.

From Professor Emeritus

the Reverend W. H. C. Frend, FBA Sir, Dr John Campbell (letter, January 28) should not think that all those who doubt the wisdom of needing closer contact with Europe through joining the single currency are fear-ful, introverted and increasingly insular". They are, simply, fed up.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM H. C. FREND. The Clerks Cottage, Little Wilbraham, Cambridge. January 28.

Welfare of the family

From the Director of

Family and Youth Concern Sir, The welfare of the family is now more prominent in political debate than ever before. Those of us who have been working in this field for many years are gratified that all political parties now speak of the decline of the family as a serious problem which needs to be addressed. However, pious platitudes about family life seldom translate into useful and coherent policy initiatives.

It would very much help the public if politicians would clarify what they mean by the word "family". Do they mean the time-honoured family based on marriage? If so, in the event of winning the next general election, are they prepared to reverse the current discrimination against the one-earner, twoparent family which exists throughout the tax and benefits system?

Yours sincerely. VALERIE RICHES, Director, Family and Youth Concern. 322 Woodstock Road, Oxford. January 29.

gained access to private property and the BCC were not persuaded that the BBC's case rested on more than a

wish to provide an entertaining

programme for a curious public, but

was completely devoid of any true

The freedom of the press is essential

for the democracy of this country — those in public office should be ac-

countable and those who seek pub-

licity should not complain if it does not

suit their expectations — but the inva-

sion of privacy through inventive and

dishonest journalism is unacceptable.

It is irresponsible for editors to accept

behaviour which, if allowed to con-

time, will bring about a restriction by

In a democracy, it is a fundamental

right to choose one's own private life

and the way one chooses to live it.

law of the freedom of the press.

public interest.

Yours sincerely,

Le Montaigne,

DAVID R. BARCLAY.

something to hide.

The fact that my brother and I do not seek personal publicity for ourselves, or for what we do, nor do we socialise or attend cocktail jamborees and get ourselves photographed in the popular press, is no reason to make us targets of inventive journalism.

and me - a gross misrepresentation. cally upheld our complaint that John Sweeney and the BBC unlawfully

Monte Carlo, MC 98000 Monaco. February 3.

7 avenue de Grande Bretagne.

War grave in Libya From Mr Desmond J. Duffy

Sir, Five years ago (at the age of 68) I visited my brother's grave at Tobruk, and the area where he met his death. Unlike Mrs Daisy Norris, who says she experienced difficulties with the Libyans - both official and civil - on her visit to her first husband's grave there (report, January 21; letter, January 27), everyone I met was interested in my reason for being in Libya and

wished to help. I had some very good help from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and I arranged accommoda-tion in Cairo near the Libyan Embassy, where I obtained a visa within hours of my arrival. I was also advised by the embassy of a new coach service between Cairo and Tripoli, which agreed to make an unscheduled stop at Tobruk. I turned up, unannounced, at a very comfortable hotel there after 9pm, was made very

welcome and had a glorious meal. When I tried to visit the area of the action where my brother died I discovered it was in a military zone. I approached the senior officer in charge who not only provided transport and a local guide, but afterwards had me join him and his aide at a sumptuous lunch: true Arab hospitality.

I was determined to visit the El Alamein war cemetery on my way back to Cairo and actually hitch-hiked for part of that journey, without encountering any problems.

Yours faithfully, DESMOND J. DUFFY, 122 Radnor Avenue, Welling, Kent. January 27.

Pilgrim's progress in modern times

From the Dean of Norwich

Sir, Grateful as the organisers are for the excellent publicity you have given to the Pilgrimage of Grace (report, January 29), we would like to correct the impression given by your head-line, which described it as "multi-

Certainly in those places where the other great faiths are represented we hope that the pilgrims will encounter, and be in dialogue with, people of dif-ferent faith communities. A more accurate description of the pilgrimage, however, would be ecumenical. The inclusion of all ecumenical organisations in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales has always been one of the

main emphases of the celebrations. Although, as you suggest, we are in-cluding rail travel within the itinerary, the pilgrims will walk part of the journey every day. We hope that the variety of modes of transport will be part of the attraction for contemporary pilgrims, who would not be able to

spare six weeks away from work.
We hope that the opportunities provided by this great year of celebration will offer all the people of our four countries and of mainland Europe a real chance to see the significance of the 7th-century Christian missions to these islands. We hope in that sense that everyone who joins us will feel a real sense of "pilgrims' progress".

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN PLATTEN (Chairman, Pilgrims Way), The Deanery, Norwich, Norfolk. January 29.

From Mrs E. Graham

Sir. Whithorn, which you mention in your report, well deserves its inclusion in the western route of the Pilgrimage

of Grace. As the Venerable Bede describes in his account of the conversion of the northern Picts by Columba, the southern Picts had Tong before as the story goes, been converted to Christianity by the preaching of Ninya or Ninian". Ninian's contacts with Whithorn have traditionally been dated from 397 AD and, although he is a shadowy figure, the recent excavations here

Christian settlement at least as early as the 5th century. Thus Whithorn has been known as the "cradle of Christianity" in Scotland. Before the Reformation the town was a centre for pilgrimages, its many visitors including the kings and queens of Scotland. This year it will

have produced evidence of an early

Yours faithfully. ELISABETH GRAHAM. Mansefield, St John Street, Whithorn. Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire.

Defence of the Swiss

February 1.

From Mr Hugh Norwood Sir, Criticism of Switzerland for doing "a great deal of profitable business with Nazi Germany" (leading article, January 28) is unwarranted. Of course Switzerland traded with Germany during the war. The country could scarcely do otherwise, as it was surrounded by Nazi and Fascist states. Nonetheless, Switzerland took in thousands of refugees and was the only mainland European country to

maintain its democratic way of life. I suggest that the verdict of history will concur with the contemporary judgment of Winston Churchill who. on December 3, 1944, wrote: Of all the neutrals, Swimerland has the greatest right to distinction. She has been the sole international force linking the bide-

ously sundered nations and ourselves She has been a democratic State, standing for treedom in self-defence amongst her mountains, and in thought, in spite of race, largely on our side [quoted by Martin Gilbert, Winston S. Churchill, vol 7, p1028]. Yours faithfully,

HUGH NORWOOD. 6 Church Row, St Mary's Square, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. January 28.

Channel 4 stakes

From Ms Liz Forgan Sir, It was kind of you to enter me for the Michael Grade stakes (The Channel 4 Handicap", Media, January 29) but I am afraid you have got

the wrong race. Channel 4's famous "remit" really only means one thing: a requirement for continuous innovation, new blood,

new thinking and taking risks. I, with others, represented those qualities for its first ten years. The last thing Channel 4 needs now is to boil its potatoes twice. If I had never worked there I would go for the job like a shot. As it is I shall not apply and if ap-

proached will decline. Yours faithfully, LIZ FORGAN, 112 Regents Park Road, NWI.

All to play for

From Mr Gerry Scully

January 30.

Sir. Why not have a penalty shootout with the Germans to decide who hosts the 2006 World Cup (reports, February 3)?

Yours faithfully, GERRY SCULLY, 43 Schubert Road, SW15. February 3.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 3: The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, this afternoon visited the new Headquarters and attended a Management Committee Meeting at 84 George Street. Edinburgh. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of

Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 3: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Army Winter Sports Association, this evening attended a reception, at the Steffani Hotel, St Moritz, Switzerland.

The Prime Minister was the host at a funcheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M

Alain Juppe. Prime Minister of France. The other guests were:

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis.

Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, was

the host at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence at Admiralty

House yesterday in honour of Lieutenant-General Ad van Baal,

Vice Chief of the Netherlands Defence Stuff

Royal Over-Seas League The Lord and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the High Commissioner for South Africa

were the guests of honour at a

luncheon given yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, by Shr

Geoffrey Ellerton, chairman.

Luncheons

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Today's royal engagement

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will launch a new business campaign. Regeneration through Heritage, at St James's Palace at 6.00.

Rosemary Peile

A Service of Remembrance will be held for Rosemary Peile at St Peter's, Eaton Square, London SWI, on Wednesday, February 19,

Premium Bonds

The El million prize in the Pre-mium Bond draw for February was won with bond number SSLK 760333. The winner lives in Brent, London, and has a bond holding of £15.000.

Reception

Laurent-Perrier Champagne Vicomte Bernard de la Giraudière presided at a reception held yes-terday at Apsley House, Number One, London where the 1996 Laurent-Perrier Champagne Awards for Wild Game Conservawartus for with Carne Conserva-tion were presented by Sir Hector Monro, MP. The winner. Mr Charles Connell, owner of the Garrogie and Stronelaing Estates. Inverness-shire received £3,000. a diploma and a case of Laurent-Perrier Champagne.

Anglo-Argentine Society Angio-Argentine Society annual Jorge Luis Borges lecture, arranged in association with the Angio-Spanish Society and the British-Mexican Society, was delivered yesterday by Lord Thomas of Swynnerton at the Royal Aeronautical Society. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein presided.

Lecture

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore. 76; Mr John Bird, former MEP, 73; Mr Colin Black, former chairman, Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assurance Society, 67; the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, former MP, 79; Professor John Brown, Astronomer Royal for Scotland, 50; Mr Jim Curmingham, MP, 50; Dr P.E. Thompson Hencock, oncologist, 93: Lord Haslam, 74: the Earl of Hillsborough, 38; Mr R.C. Hoban, writer, 72: the Marquis of Huntly, 53; Mr David Malouf, novelist, 63; the Hon Mrs Ray Michie, MP, 63;

Lord Moncreiff, 82; Mr Stanley Newens, MEP, 67; Lord Justice Nicholson, 64; Mr Tim O'Sullivan, Governor, Holloway prison, 54.

Mr Charles Pollard, Chief Constable, Thames Valley, 52; Mr William Ross, MP, 61; Mr Richard Willam Koss, MP, 48; Lord Shawcross, QC, 95; Mr John Willam, former managing director, London Phil-harmonic Orchestra, 54; Mr Norman Wisdom, actor and comedian, 82: Mr Matthew Yates, athles. &



Co-ordinator Diane Davis, foreground, with lifeline operators Maureen Harris, left, and Sheila Hunter

Phone lifeline faces cash cut-off

By JOHN YOUNG

TELEPHONE lifeline which in the past three years has brought help and comfort to hundreds of lonely and distressed old people in one of the poorest districts of Glasgow may have to be closed down because of a shortage of

Diane Davis, co-ordinator of the "Good Morning Pollok" project, which has been entered for the 1996 Community Enterprise Awards, part-sponsored by the The Times, says that an annual income of £10,000 is needed to maintain the service, which until now has been largely paid for by grants from the Scottish Office and Glasgow City Council.

The 1991 census revealed that there were nearly 8,000 people over the age of 60 in surance in the form of a Poliok, of whom some 40 per triendly chat. If he or she fails

cent lived alone. Loneliness and poverty were frequently compounded by the insecurity of having no one to turn to if they became seriously ill or rad an acrident. in 1992 local community

representatives formed a voluntary group called Safe Levern/Pollok to improve the safety of vulnerable residents, mainly the elderly, and to contribute to a reduction in crime. The telephone service was established the following year and a list of "clients" compiled with the help of doctors, social workers, health visitors, families and

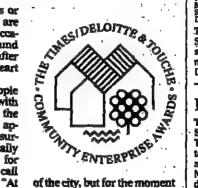
Each of the 150 or so clients

receives a daily call from one of a team of switchboard operators inquiring about their health, listening to any problems and providing reas-

to answer, family, friends or the emergency services are informed: on several occasions people have been found unconscious, immobile after a fall or suffering a heart alback

Although elderly people living alone are supplied with alarm devices to alert the emergency services, they appreciate the personal reassurance which the daily telephone call provides; for many it may be the only call they receive all day. "At Christmas their obvious loneliness was heartbreaking," Ms Davis says.

Because the service is free, and clients are not meanstested, money has to be found to pay for the switchboard, the telephone calls and the services of four part-time staff. Ms Davis hopes it can be made self-funding by selfing the service to other areas



of the city, but for the moment funds are set to run out in six months' time.

The 11th annual Community Enterprise Awards are spon sored by The Times and Deloitte & Touche and organised by Business in the Community. Entries closed on December 31, and the winners will be announced in

Dinners Armed Forces Parliamentary

The Speaker attended the annual dinner of the Armed Forces Par-

liamentary Scheme held last night at Speakers House. Sir Neil Thorne, chairman, presided. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence and the Shadow Sair for Defenit also spoke.

Among others present were:

The Ambassador of Nepal, Lord Cocks of Hanciffle, Lord McColl of Dulwich, Lady Olga Matiland, MP, the Chief of the Defenite Staff, the Chief of the Eneral Staff, see Chief of the General Staff, see Chief of the General Staff, see Chief of the Baichle, the Commandant General of the Royal Marines, the Permanent Under Secretary of Star, Ministry of Defence Dr John Reid, MP, Mr John, Home Robertson, MP, Mr Peier Lift, MP, Mr Piers Merchant, MP, Mr Andrew Miller, MP, Mr Gerald Sweinberg, MP, Mr Colin Green, Mr C N Ctarls, Mr Nicolas Bevan, the Deputy Serjeant at Arms, Canon Donald Gray, Mr Michael Turner, Major-General D J M Jenkins, Colonel Alan Roberts, Dr Robert Hawley, Mr Brien Trueman, Mr D'Arcy Payne, Mr Peter McLoughlin. Dr Massimo Riccio, Mr George Gordon-Smith, Miss Sue Lyons, Mr J Moss, and Mr Richard Rowsell. Secretary for Defence also spoke.

bankers Club The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was present at the annual dinner of the Bankers Club

held last night at Guildhall.
Sir William Purves, president,
was in the chair. Mr James D.
Wolfensohn, President of the
World Bank, was the principal

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall Among those present

City Hall Among those present were:

The Ambassador of Chile and Sefora Araza, the Ambassador of Sefora Araza, the Ambassador of Sefora and Mrs Ayouth, the Ambassador of Venezuela, the Consul General of Egypt, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, Lord Renton, Oct, the Hon Mrs Caroline Parr. Sir Sydney and Lady Samuelson, Mrs Lucille Nemeth. Councilior Simon Mikon, Mr and Mrs David Genery, Mr and Mrs Mick Lesiau, Mrs Rosaind Saville, Mrand Mrs Erick H Senat and Dr and Mrs J S Toblas.

The Athenseum

The Athenseum

Sir Nicholas Goodison, was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at The Athenseum. Mr D.P.G. Butler presided.

Party: The Roy Jenkins Appreciation

Society
The Society held its Winter Cocktail Party on Sunday, January 19, at Boisdale. The Commissioner, Mr Matthew D'Ancona, the Warden, Mr Johnny Leavesley, and the Provost, Mr Hywel Williams, read from the works of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. Among those present

Hillhead, Among those present were Caron Lord Pilkington of Ogenford, Lord Strethclyde, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr, and Mrs Lilley, Mr, Alastair Goodise, MP, the Hon Phillip Oppenhelm, MP, Mr Hannet Roe and Mrs Marion Roe, MP, Mr Ranald Macdonald yr of Clanganald, MRs Annet Applebarm, Mr Tom Baldwin, Mr Peter Barnet, Mr Tom Baldwin, Mr Peter Barnet, Mr Tom Bandwin, Mr Sandret, Miss Janet Hardman, Mr and Mrs Jimon Heffer, Miss Patricia Henriques, Mr Tand Mrs Martin Ivens, Mr Adrian Litingow, Mr David Remile, Mr and Miss Andrew Roberts, Mr David Ruffley and Mr Peter Sinthard.

Forthcoming marriages

ALS HIS. W. HOR.

Mr J.P. Cavassoni and Miss N.A. Fraser

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Paris in July between Jean Pierre. And And Control Balun Januar son of the late Georgette and Giovanni Cavassoni, and Namsha Antonia, of 7 Passage Landrieu, 75007 Paris, youngest daughter of Lady Antonia Pinter and the late Sir Hugh Fraser, MP.

Mr H.P. Lewin and Miss C.S. Tulloch

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lewin, of Llanover, Monmountishine and Catherine, daughter of Mrs William Tulloch of Hannington, Highworth, Wiltshire, and the late Mr Tulloch. Mr C.W. Ripley and Miss P.M. Foy

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The engagement is announced
between Clive, son of Mr Andrew
Ripley, of Walton, Chesterfield,
and Mrs Alison Brown, of
Manigod, France, and Philippa,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Louis, Roy, of Lower Birdey,
Haslemere.

Mr G.G. Winn-Darley and Miss S.L. Shepherd-Cross The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr Mark Winn and the late Mrs Wing, of Buttercrambe, York, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles

Shepherd-Cross, of Skewsby, York. Mr R.P. Withers and Miss C.L. Higgins

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Withers, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Higgins, all of Harborne, Birmingham.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pierre Marivaux, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1668; Remand Leger, painter, Argentan, France, 1881; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Camerino, Italy, 1892; Ludwig, Erhand, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1963-66, Firth, 1897; Charles Lindbergh, aviator, Detroit, 1902; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Protestant theologian, Bresiau, 1906.

DEATHS: Lucius Septimus Severus, Roman Emperor 193-211. York, 211: John Rogers, Protestant nartyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1555; Robert Koldewey, archaeologist who escavated Bab-ylon, Berlin, 1925; Karen Carpen-ier, singer, Los Angries, 1983; Libersoe, planist, Palm Springs, 1987.

The Yella conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin opened, 1945. Ceylon, later known as Sri Lanks, became an independent state, 1948. The Sunday Times issued the first colour supplement in Britain, 1962. The world's largest hovercraft (165 tonnes) was launched at Cowes, Isle of Wight, 1968.

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Sir William Crawshay, DSO, soldier and public servant, died on January 25 aged 76. He was born on May 27, 1920.

courteous, cultured and sensitive man, William Crawshay displayed extraordinary courage and inspirational leadership when commanding a large Resistance force behind the German lines in cance in 1944, for which he is awarded the DSO and the Croix de Guerre with Palms. But the distinction of his military career was matched by his lifetime of outstanding public service, especially to Wales. Crawshay was intensely proud of being Welsh, His forebears, as the owners of the great Cyfathia ironworks at Merthyr Tydfil, might be said to have taken a great deal out of the country: he was pleased to be able to repay that debt in ample measure.

A civilised man with an eclectic taste that led him to acquire many fine pictures, a large collection of drawings and watercolours and some notable modern sculpture, he was for 12 years a member of e Arts Council of Great britain, and for six chairman of the Welsh Arts Council. From 1977 to 1982 he was president of the National Museum of Wales, on the Court and Council of which he sat for more than 30 years, and he was a member of the Crafts Advisory Council and the Welsh Council. He was also chairman of the Council of University College, Cardiff for 21 years during a period of rapid university expansion.

William Robert Crawshay was the son of Captain J. W. L. Crawshay, MC. Welsh Guards. He was brought up at the family home is Oxfordshire, but by the time went to Eton his father had become military attaché in Paris, and it was there that he spent many of his holidays, making perfect the already excellent French that he had first learnt from his Belgian mother, in 1938 he went to University College, Aberystwith, but the threat of war

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rapid close. Within six months he had been commissioned into The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

In June 1940 he joined what remained of the 1st Battalion in Huddersheld, where it was being reorganised after the evacuation from Dunkirk; but before the year ended he was with the 5th Battalion King's African Rifles, and with them he took part in the Abyssinian campaign where he was wounded and, for the first time, mentioned in dispatches. In June 1942 he moved to 20 British Military Mission under the Eighth Army and

remained there for 18 months.

Early in 1944 he volunteered for training with the Special Operations Executive and was soon selected to command one of the élite "Jedburgh" teams, which were parachuted deep into occupied France well before the first troops went ashore on the beaches of Normandy, His three-man team landed in the Indre department of central France with instructions to command the French Resistance movement (the FFI) in that area. Later, he used to complain that he had been sent to the only part of France that did not produce wine.

The citation for the DSO that he was awarded in 1945 records that, in sonjunction with the French member of his party, he organised, trained and armed a Resistance force of more than 17,000 men in very difficult circumstances and in the face of strong Gestapo activity. A £10,000 reward was offered for his capture dead or alive. He had a number of close escapes.

He played a prominent part in the saving of the Eguzon power station and barrage on which depended the Paris Metro and many industrial plants in northern France. Very quickly he became a principal target of the SS. On July 10, 1944, German columns totalling about 2,000 SS troops assisted by more than 100 Miligiens (French Government Police) attacked the Maquis in the Bélábre region and concentrated on Major Crawshay's headquarters and a brought his career there to a company of Resistance fight-



Sir William Crawshay with a portrait of the first of his ancestors to move to Wales

ers. This company, although under heavy mortar and shell fire, resisted for several hours. The citation continues: "Major Crawshay by his personal example under fire and by his leadership throughout the day, foiled this dangerous attack on Resistance groups, as yet poorly armed and unseasoned."

He took part in many similar actions in the months that followed. In August he commanded a small force of French and American special service troops, about 100strong, which for several hours held up a column of 10,000 enemy, inflicting severe losses on them. He organised attacks on a number of the escape routes open to the lier, Légion d'honneur, indi-Germans withdrawing from cates that it was fully appreciated in France. When the assignment ended, Major western and southwestern France, rendering the enemy more vulnerable to air attack. Crawshay was not yet 25. He came back to London to With his command of the

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Perhaps it is not surprising that after such events William

Crawshay took a little time to

find a postwar role, but some

business activities in Canada

and in Cardiff were only a

preparation for a remarkable

period of public service in Wales. In 1954 he inherited

Llanfair Court near Aber-

from his cousin and godfather, Captain Geoffrey Crawshay,

and also the presidency of

Captain Crawshay's famous

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He had not yet finished with

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Frank Clarke, OBE.

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If the DSO on its own does not fully reflect the extraordinary nature of his contribution, the award of the Croix de Guerre with Palms in 1944 and again in 1945, and his appointment in 1956 Chéva-

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continued in command for four years when it became the 6th Banalion The Welch Regiment. Later in his life he was to become Honorary Colonel of the Welsh Volunteers, later the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Wales, and of the Cardiff University Officer Training Corps. For 14 years he was president of the Royal British Legion in Wales and in 1966 he was appointed ADC to William Crawshay was

Battalion. He commanded

that battalion in 1956 and

knighted for his public services in 1972. He was a Deputy Lieutenant in both Glamorgan and Gwent and subsequently Vice-Lieutenant of went. He was a Knight of St

Keenly supportive of every aspect of Welsh culture, he was a founder director and patron, and for a time chairman of the board, of the National Welsh American Foundation, which provides a link between those in both countries with an interest in the heritage and language of Wales. There was nothing he enjoyed more than entertain-ing American visitors in the garden which was one of his constant interests at Llanfair Court, unless it was hunting with the Monmouthshire, or sharing with his many friends good food and wine, served with a formality not often seen these days in British houses. Courage of a rare order carried him through the last

year of his life as it had during those dramatic months of 1944. Early in the year, severely affected by Parkinson's disease and desperately ill from cancer of the throat, he went to bed to die. After a few days he decided that particular enemy could be kept at bay for a little longer. He emerged with renewed energy, insisted on being taken for the first of a number of visits to White's and the company of old friends in London. On a bitterly cold day in spring he attended a presentation of colours to The Royal Welch Fusiliers by the Queen, the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief. It was a wholly appropriate ges-ture that Her Majesty left the parade ground to give a special greeting to a gallant subject. In the summer, his artistic enthusiasm undimmed, he acquired at Christie's a fine Old Master of the if to round the whole story off, in September he spent two weeks in the France which he

had helped to free. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, whom he married in 1950 and who is herself a distinguished figure in public life in Wales. They had no

PROFESSOR VERO **WYNNE-EDWARDS** CBE, FRS, Regius

Vero Wynne-Edwards, Professor of Natural History, University of Aberdeen, 1946-74, died on January Saged 90. He was born on July 4, 1906.

VERO WYNNE-EDWARDS - "Wynne" to his academic friends - was internationally renowned as a versatile field ecologist and an innovative thinker on problems con-cerned with the dispersion and population regulation of animals. A lifelong naturalist, who kept a daily diary of the wildlife he observed, he was exceptionally well-informed as a field zoologist and botanist. His interests ranged from bumble bees to birds, from mammals to alpine flora.

As a boy, growing up in Austwick in the Yorkshire Dales, Vero Copner Wynne Edwards found himself fascinated not only by the natural history of the locality but also by astronomy. These interests were encouraged at Rugby School and he made botanical field trips to Snowdonia, the Lake District and Upper Teesdale where he would study and paint the wild flowers.

He went on to read zoology at New College, Oxford, where he fell under the influence of such eminent figures as Julian Huxley and Charles Elton, before, in 1929, going on to take an appointment as lecturer in Zoology at Bristol University. He soon moved to the post of assistant professor at McGill University, Montreal. On the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, he kept a lookout for seabirds and recorded their location. As a result of this and several other transatlantic journeys, he proposed that seabirds in the North Atlantic were not randomly distributed, but occurred in three ecological zones - an insight which established him in the new field of marine omithology.

In Canada, Wynne-Edwards maintained his interests in montane flora and extended his experience to the Arctic in three expeditions to Baffin Island. He explained the patchy distribution of rare plants in northern North America and was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada.

War he enlisted for training in the Royal Canadian Navai Reserve, but retained his post at McGill University. He devoted most of his teaching effort to a crash course in electronic physics for radar mechanics in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

in 1945 he was offered the

Regius Chair of Natural History at Aberdeen University, a post which he occupied from 1946 until his retirement in 1974. He also served as Vice-Principal of the university. 1972-74. His wide experience in ecology resulted in requests for his service on several national committees, including the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, the Nature Conservancy and the Natural Environment Research Council. He was elected to the Fellowship of The Royal Society in 1970 and he was appointed CBE in 1973. Wynne-Edwards was not

one for the conference circuit



and his most significant contributions to science were through his substantial texts. The first, Animal Dispersion In Relation To Social Behaviour (1962), was the scholarly product of a lifelong consideration of the processes affecting the limitation of animal numbers and proved itself one of the most controversial biology books of the 1960s and 1970s. His second major work, Evolution Through Group Selection, was published in 1986 and answered many of the objections which had been raised by the first. But although he continued to write until his eyesight failed, at the time of his death his ideas were still not widely accepted.

The emergence of Aberdeen University at the front of modern British zoology owed much to the prescience of Wynne-Edwards. He recruited widely at a time of growth and initiated long-term research programmes - such as that on red grouse. He also founded the internationally renowned ecological research station at Culterty, New-

burgh. er and hill-walker, Wynne-Edwards would time himself on walks in the Scottish hills. At the age of 62 he climbed the six tons of the Cairngorms in nine hours 34 minutes possibly the fastest time over this route on record.

He is survived by his wife and by a son and daughter.

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on the development of multi-A GIRTON WRANGLER Girton College students have acquitted themselves creditably on former occasions; but last January they outdid all their former achievements. The examiners for the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos have for several years past been in the habit of sending copies of their questions to Girton, and of looking over the answers. Among the Girton candidates this year was Miss Charlotte Angas Scott, and Miss Scott has been ranked among the Wranglers. Cambridge etiquette does not seem to permit the exact place attained to be stated officially or semi-officially. As, however, the competitors are arranged according to marks the examiners must have held Miss Scott entitled to the honour not only of a Wrangler, but of a specific place among the Wranglers. Current University rumour declares her place to be the eighth. This is understood to be the opinion of four out of the five examiners. The fifth is not to be taken as having dissented. But he happens to have been the fair candi-

FRANK CLARKE

electronic engineer. Frank Clarke rose to become a successful designer and busi-nessman who pioneered. among other things, police walkie-talkies, purpose designed broadcasting equip-ment for schools and the Head Up display on military air-craft. But it was in the design and manufacture of electronic equipment for the blind that he made his most significant mark.

Clarke's grandmother was blind so he understood many of the problems which sight-lessness entails. In the 1950s he designed and produced a record player which could be operated by a blind person without help, and later, adapting cassette players, he went on to create the British talking book system which was to revolutionise the lives of the visually impaired. He worked

track magnetic tape talking books, constantly undating and improving the machines, until a single cassette was capable of providing some 13

hours of recording time -

enough to hold a complete

book. In 1990 he was appoint-

ed OBE for his services to the visually handicapped.

John Frank Edward Clarke, brought up to follow the entrepreneurial example of his grandparents who ran their own business, was still a teenager when he set up a small electrical company dealing mainly in audio equip-

ment. This closed in 1939, when he was called up to serve with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, but on demobilisation he immediately set about establishing another business in partnership with a former army colleague, Alec Smith. With only £100 start-up

capital they began repairing wireless sets on contract from local shops. Their first breakthrough came in 1948 when Kent County Council was seeking tenders to make schools broadcasting equip-ment. Clarke & Smith beat several larger manufacturers to secure the contract.

In 1949 they began to develop and produce walkie talkie equipment for the police and fire services. Though by to-day's standards his model worn strapped to the chest or back - was cumbersome, it seemed at the time a miracle of miniaturisation.

The company expanded rapidly in the 1950s. It was micro-grouve records - the forerunners of LPs - used for recording books for the blind which caught Clarke's attention. Having conducted a study of the needs of blind people in 50 countries, he worked to create the British talking book system

in 1960, Clarke was commissioned by the Ministry of Aviation to develop an advanced Head Up display for high-speed, low-flying aircraft. The successful prototypes were sought after by defence ministries all over the world. Clarke, however, decided to sell out the subsidiary company in charge of this project to Smiths Industries. He ventured disastrously into property speculation in the 1970s. It was only on his return to electronic engineering that he regained his former success, pioneering the development of electronic soft

In his free time, Clarke greatly enjoyed the gardens of his medieval manor house in Kent and was a charming host and vivid raconteur.

Clarke is survived by his second wife Frances and by a son and a daughter of his first marriage. Another daughter predeceased him.

ON THIS DAY

February 4, 1880

Not until 1948 were women admitted to full membership of Cambridge University. As a consequence women graduates were no longer required to add to their degrees the abbreviation (Tit.), which had previously indicated their titular status.

date's private tutor, and perhaps he thought himself precluded from ap-praising her merits. When it is said that Miss Scott was eighth Wrangler de jure, if not de facto, it may be objected that it is not saying much. Every January of necessity produces an eighth Wrangler, and the wearer of the honour does not bend or blush beneath the weight. But for a young woman under twenty-two to have been eighth Wrangler implies very much more than for a young man of the same age to have been Senior Wrangler.

Probabilities are all against her views in life having been concentrated on an academical education, and on this especial form of it, so early as would happen in the case of a lad. All kinds of home duties, all sorts of feminine accomplishments, would compete for her attention. Only gradually would the absorption in a single study, which with a boy is accounted a virtue, be tolerated in a young lady. When she and her family had once decided that her vocation was that of a mathematician. all the difficulties and objections, we can well believe, would become so many incentives to vigorous work. At home and at Girton she would feel the eyes of a little world bent upon her; she would be as little able to retract her steps towards the Tripos as a novice to abjure her profession with the veil encircling her brows. But that would be only at an advanced point in her career. To have arrived there she must first have conquered as many obstacles as her masculine competitors will have found motives to scientific devotion.

John Grigsby introduces a special report on the broad-sweeping plans for the regeneration of a London landscape

Progress against the flow

The Thames Gateway initiative is the most ambitious attempt so far by a government to reverse the historical drift westwards of London. Can it turn London's backyard into its front garden?

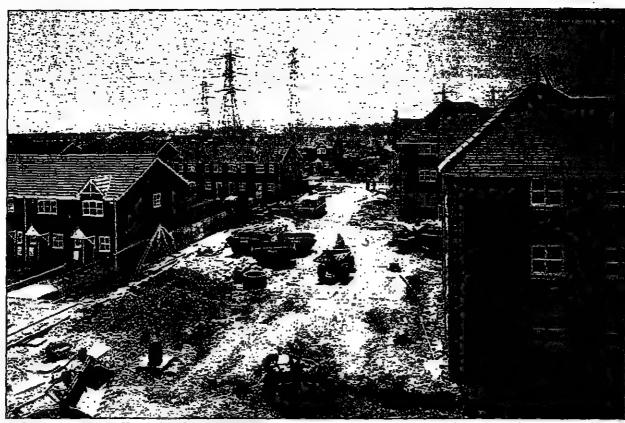
The area, which stretches from the Royal Docks in éast the north bank of the Thames. and from Greenwich to Sheerness on the south, has lone been the place where London placed its power stations, dumped its rubbish, mined its chalk and sited its grimier industries.

The landscape of wide towns is literally Dickensian - the novelist spent much of his life in Rochester and set novels such as Great Expectations in the nearby countryside. It contains unused and derelict land - 4,000 hectares of it - near internationally important architectural and wildlife sites: the Royal Naval College at Greenwich; the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich; the Royal Navai Dockyard at Chatham: Gravesend: the Rainham Marshes; the Medway, which supports 70,000 waders and wildfowl; and the Thames Estuary.

Since Michael Heseltine, in his second incarnation as Environment Secretary, announced the Government's intention to regenerate "the East Thumes corridor", the plans have been modified and the name changed. But the Government maintains its belief that it should be the main focus of development in the South East, easing pressure on

counties to the west. Late last year, it reaffirmed its commitment to the area with more than £120 million from the single regeneration budget towards projects between the public and private sectors. About £4.5 million has been spent or committed on roads and transport improvements east of London.

David Curry, the Regeneration Minister, says: "I am quite pleased with the progress which has been made. The foundations have been laid and we have always said that this must be a job for

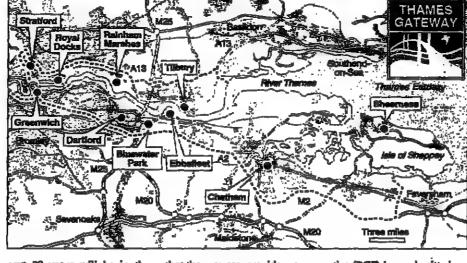


The Government believes the Thames Gateway initiative can provide 98,000 new homes over its 20-year lifetime

generation. Things are starting to happen just as we are coming out of a recession severe in the South East. We have made two crucial deci-sions: to put the stations on the Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link at Ebbsfleet and at

He is encouraged by the all-party support for the two partnerships, one covering the London area on both banks of the Thames and the other north Kent. "Success does not depend on political ups and downs. We are not going to get the huge sites which result from clear felling and starting from scratch, and attract the giant factories. There are too many constraints from historic buildings and important wildlife sites, and we would not want to do this anyway."

Housebullding will be crucial to success. Many of the million households over the



next 20 years will be in the South East. "We want to attract many of these to Thames Gateway, where they can actually improve and com-

that the area can provide more than 98,000 new homes during the 20-year lifetime of the initiative. There are encouraging signs. Bellway Homes, for example, is building 5,500 flats and houses at Barking Reach. At Ebbstieet, Blue Circle Properties (BCP) has submitted an application to develop 175 acres of a 435-acre site involving a new small town of about 3,200 houses as well as 5.3 million square feet of new Stratford, 2,000 houses and

ation of the Thames Gateway

area is becoming a reality

comes from the two-day con-ference and exhibition start-

ing today, when representatives of more than 200 companies and institu-

tions will hear of the commit-

ment of the Government, the

Labour Party and private and

implementation, Christopher

Warman writes.
David Curry, the Regeneration Minister, and Frank
Dobson, Labour's spokesman

flats are part of the development associated with the station for the high-speed rail link. The £240 million commercial scheme attached to the station should provide about 15,000 to 20,000 jobs.

Some critics argue that there is still little interest from the private sector; that the most speciacular projects, including the millennium celebrations at Greenwich, are the result of government decisions. ...

Others, such as the £700 million regional shopping centre at Bluewater Park near Dartford, which will be the largest in Europe, have been on the drawing board for

ut Andrew Gould, partner in charge of development and marketing at Jones Lang Wootton, the chartered surveyors, says: "There is always a similar question when the Government goes into any new location and spends large amounts of money and that is: When is it going to happen? The answer is that it is already happening.

He points to Norton

Healthcare moving to the Royal Docks, Renders' Digest going into Canary Wharf, the Dartford science park with a new campus for the University of Greenwich, which will also move into the Royal Naval

College, Hambros Bank has pro-duced a proposal to build a £100 million Wildark Theme Park on Rainham Marshes. English Partnerships — which will prepare sites for development - has officially taken over the 76-acre Royal Arsenal site at Woolwich. Vanbrugh and Wyatt are among the architects of 22 listed buildings in this gem - which boasts the birthplace of Arsenal Football Club at Dial Square.

Business, Dr Gould believes, is attracted by the prominity of the Continent and a young, potentially skilled workforce; the young by com-paratively low house prices amid a pleasant environment. Mr Curry is guardedly optimistic: "The acid test will be two or three years hence, it is beginning to take shape."

speak of the opportunities for

the area at an event supported

by English Partnerships,

Thames Gateway London Partnership North Kent Suc-cess and the London Dock-

lands Development Corpora-tion. The conference is twice

the size of a similar event 18

months ago, further evidence

that the area is becoming better known. The venue is

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Putting across or the length of the message

John Young on the battle to get tourists to visit east London

unny Crouch, chair-man of TourEast London, is engagingly frank about the difficulties involved in her job. "When people think about east London, tourism is not exactly the first thing that springs to mind," she says.

But it is by no means a hopeless task. At either end of her territory are two of Britain's biggest tourist at-tractions, Greenwich and the Tower of London. The area appealing but it is crammed with history and filled with enough curiosities to have drawn more than one and a half million visitors last year.

The Lustwalle and later the economic and social avalanches that have swept across the old East End have left a permanent imprint. But amid the housing estates and flyovers, speculative office buildings and prema-turely ageing shopping centres, traces of the old London remain.

The best guide to these nuggets of history is probably the leaflet produced by TourEast London, which in cludes a map plus a list of more than 150 attractions with details of opening hours, admission charges and transport services.

"East London" is interpreted fairly liberally, extending Aldwych, Clerkenwell and Islington and hence taking in the whole of the City of London. But it includes more authentic East End landmarks such as Christchurch, Spitalfields: Whitechapel Art Gallery: Petticoat Lane Market; Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood; the Geffrye Museum: Sutton House, the oldest house in east London. the Hackney Empire and the Theatre Royal, Stratford

Recommended walks take in the former docks; Woolwich and Greenwich; Dickensian Southwark, Wapping and Limehouse; the once streets of Victorian Hackney and the recently created; and tough.

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increasingly attractive Lee Valley Regional Park. The Docklands Light Railway from Tower Hill or the Bank to Island Gardens is easily the best way to travel to

TourEast London, an off-shoot of the London Docklands Development Corporation, was set up to improve public perceptions of east London to promote its multi-cultural attractions including markets, shops and restaurants, and to encourage new investment. Its members include the British Wharf, the Docklands Light Railway, the Lee Valley Re-gional Park Authority, the London Tourist Board and the Port of London Authority well as the local

Ms Crouch points out that nourism is the fastest growing industry in the world, creates jobs throughout the construction, transport and service industries, and is more likely than most to recruit local people.

new Babe Ruth's restaurant in Wapping recruited and trained 120 staff, of whom 80 were formerly unemployed, and south of the river the Terence Conran-inspired training school for chefs in Butlers Wharf has achieved

Crouch cheerfully accepts that her job is likely to remain an uphill struggle. Although three hotels are due to open on the Isle of Dogs in the near future, the area is short of shops and failure of the Tobacco Dock development in Wapping to attract tenants has proved a discouraging omen.

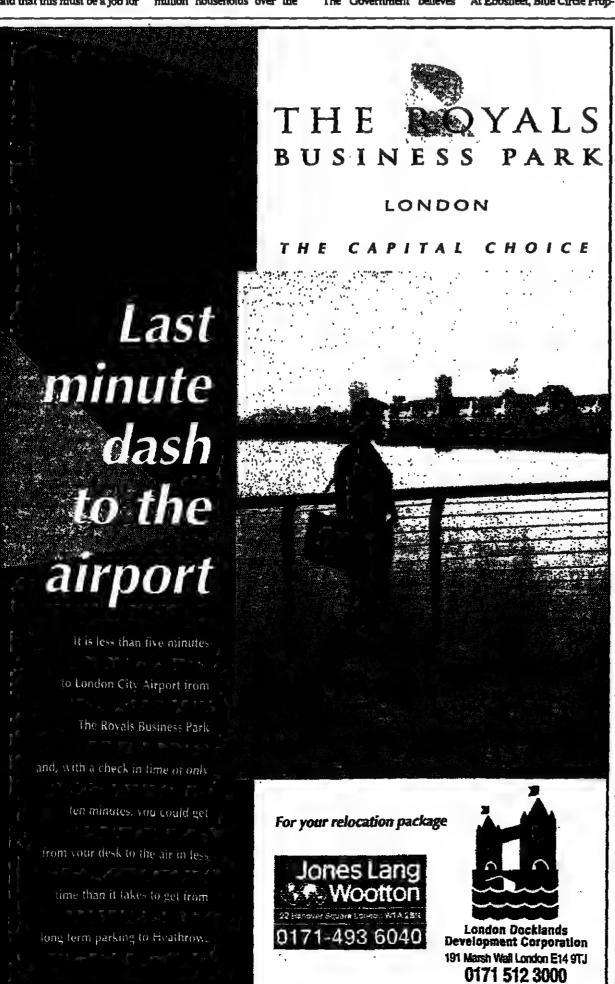
Like many others, she is placing much hope in the soon to be realised opening of the Jubilee Line extension which will bring Canary ride of Piccadilly. But getting

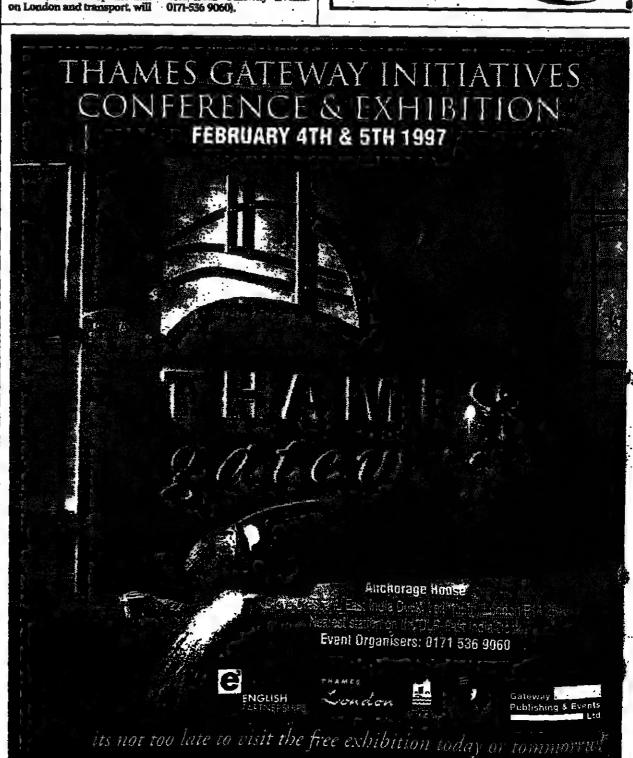
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Together at last for the benefit of all residents

John Young reports on the new spirit of co-operation among the local authorities in the Thames Gateway

years after it was created. the London Docklands Development Corporation will be wound up. From then on the regeneration of a much larger area, extending along both banks of the Thames, will be the responsibility of a triumvirate comprising English Parmerships (central government). Thames Gateway London Parmership (mainly local authorities) and North Kent Success (a mixture of public and private sector).

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in 1981 it was the failure of: the local authorities to promote initiatives, attract investment or agree on any kind of joint policy that prompted. Michael Heseltine, then the Environment Secretary, to take drastic action. From next year the same councils, along with others in the area, will be back in the driving seat, with the task of reversing decades of economic decline. Will it be any better this time?

Roger Squire, assistant chief executive of the LDDC, is moderately optimistic. He believes there is a new spirit of co-operation abroad and that local authorities, having seen what can be achieved in the Docklands, will adopt a more entrepreneurial approach. Things may not happen so fast, and there may be more public consultation, but the Gateway project will not be allowed to lose momentum.

His view is shared by Ralph Luck, regional director of English Partnerships, a Govern-ment-sponsored public body established in 1993 as the Urban Regeneration Agency and relaunched the following year to take over the work of English Estates in providing the infrastructure to attract private capital. As well as administering grants from the Department of the Environment to assist deprived areas and to finance derelict land. reclamation, it is also charged with stimulating the public

n March next year. 17 and private sectors to collaborate in economic development, job creation and environmen-

tal improvement. Although the Thames Gateway area contains some of the poorest boroughs in Britian, it is still lumped in with the overall prosperity of southeast England, and approaches to



The Shell Foundry Gate at Woolwich Arsenal

Brussels for regional aid have fallen on deaf ears.

The realisation that they are not in line for any handouts has, Mr Luck thinks, forced them to become more "sensible" and self-reliant. Co-operation and imagination will be badly needed if such projects as restoring and finding new uses for the historic buildings within Woolwich Arsenal, and cleaning up derelict and polluted areas around Dartford in Kent and Rainham Marshes in Essex, are to have

any chance of success. One of his organisation's main "marketing" tasks will, he says, be to improve the image of the area. In particular he believes that the privatised utilities have been allowed to evade their respon-

sibilities for restoring contaminated land.

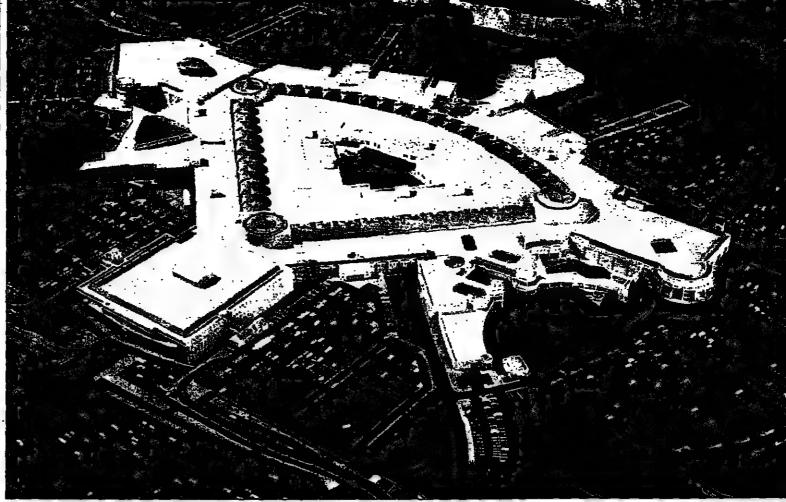
Kevin Kingston is the director of Thames Gateway London Partnership, which comprises 12 local authorities working with the LDDC, English Parmerships and two training and enterprise councils (Tecs). Within the partnership area are 5,000 acres zoned for development, two proposed international stations on the Channel Tunnel rail link and the principal site of the millennium celebrations at Greenwich. He says: "I think the project is really gaining momentum." He cites the fact that the partnership has been allotted the largest grant to date from the Government's single regeneration budget, some £30 million towards the £65 million cost of a programme called Skills for the Millennium. Its aims are to create local jobs for local people by developing the skills needed by business and industry, improving educational standards and upgrading the

infrastructure.

He counters fears of a return to political infighting by pointing out that local authorities have for the first time got together to form a partnership. "We have got our act together at last," he says.

There is a new dynamism." Nonetheless, the local authority-dominated partnership might be advised to take a close look at North Kent Success, a much more broadly based organisation in which the county council and five district councils have joined forces with voluntary organisations and more than 50 private companies.

Peter Greenwell, its chief executive, sees the Gateway project as the key to the regeneration of the whole of north Kent. "For American and other companies needing an English-speaking base in Europe, we are ideally situat-



Bluewater Park, near the new Ebbsfleet station, will have 3,000 homes, 5.3 million sq ft of offices, a shopping centre and a 9,000-vehicle car park

Hop on here for Paris

UNLIKELY though it may seem when casting an eye over the dreary Thames Gateway landscape, this run-down part of London will have some of the best connections in Britain to the glamour of Paris, Brussels and beyond by early next century.

If one project above all others symbolises the hopes for the regeneration of the area, it is the Channel Tunnel rail link (CTRL), the most ambitious above-ground civil engineering project since the last war. This high-speed Eurostar line will whisk pas sengers from St Pancras through east London and north Kent to the Channel Tunnel when it is completed in 2003.

A Thames Gateway terminal has always been part of the E3 billion proposal. Last February Sir George Young. the Transport Secretary, announced that two rival sites, Stratford in east London and dustrial site near the Dartfort Bridge in Kent, would both

The station at Stratford, which has good overground and Tube railway links and is soon to be linked to the Jubilee Line, will be sited halfway along the length of a 12-mile tunnel under east London. The station is expect ed to become the main terminal for Eurostar passengers living in east London and Essex. It will also be a stop for north of London" Channel Tunnel trains linking the Midlands North of England and Scotland.

It is also expected to make Stratford an attractive, if unlikely, business location in its own right through combining

easy access to the City as well as to Paris and Brussels. The planned station at Ebbsfleet, just a few miles further east, offers different attractions. Sited close to the M25 and the A2, the terminal will double as an attractive commuter connection for residents of north Kent. The new commuter services that will use the CTRL as well as Eurostar will take 20 minutes to reach St Pancras station

The nearby Bluewater Park site will have a car park for 9,000 vehicles, a major shop-ping centre, 3,000 new homes and up to 5.3 million sq ft of mercial office space.

JONATHAN PRYNN

Development brings homes, jobs, exhibition centre — and plenty of fish

A the old London dock-lands are the splendid Royal Docks, once among the largest in the world and capable of handling the big-gest ships affoat. For Roger Squire, assistant chief executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation, they represent the final challenge, the last and biggest piece in the completion of its task.

Already under construction is the first stage of West Silvertown Urban Village, consisting of some 1,000 homes, about 700 of which are being built by Wimpey for private sale. The remaining 300 will be let through housing associations and charitable trusts, and land has been set aside for further extension as employment, and with it the demand for housing. materialises over the coming

Royal finale for the Docklands dream

years. The biggest and most ambitious project is the proposed international exhibition centre on the north side of the Royal Victoria Dock. The first phase alone will occupy some 500,000 sq ft, about half the combined size of Earls Court and Olympia; if all goes well, the centre will grow to some 1,200,000 sq ft, comparable with the National Exhibition Centre near

Birmingham. Mr Squire concedes that it will almost certainly attract business away from Earls Court and Olympia, which are surrounded by congested inner-city streets, but he does not foresec a surplus of exhibition space in the capital. "London badly needs a new facility like this," he says. More than 100 new businesses are opening in the Docklands every year. More than 60,000 people work here and that will grow to more than 100,000 by the end of the century. Passengers using London City airport have increased from 200,000 to 700,000 in the last three

Vears." Complementing the exhibi-tion centre will be the new Royals Business Park on an 80-acre site beside the Royal Albert Dock. This in turn will be linked to a new Docklands campus for the University of East London: the first phase. due to open in time for the

date some 3,000 students, and the total is expected to rise to an eventual 7,500. The campus will also house the Thames Gateway Technology Centre, for which John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has aiready announced a £7.8 million grant. The LDDC will be a thing of the past long before the final programme is completed, and future responsibility will fall upon English Parmerships.

The great expanses of enclosed water are already home to a range of watersports including rowing, sailing, waterskiing and windsurfing, but the Royal Zoological Society is keen that the space should be shared with fish housed in a new national aquarium.

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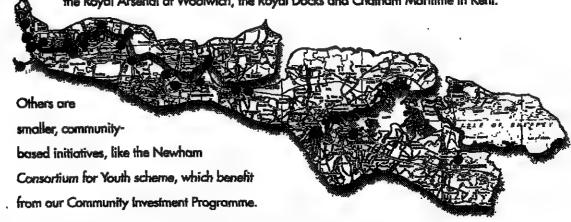
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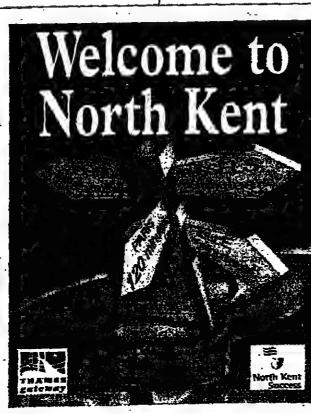
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He or she has won £250, but will need to contact the compe-tition organisers on the telephone number at the end of this piece in order to prove identity. The Times has the personal identification number of the entrant, and a list of the transfers made.

Happily, the winner of the monthly prize for January is able to be named. Mr P Turner, of St Helier, Jersey, wins £1,000 with his team, Turner's Earners 5, having scored 156 points over the past month. Mr Turner is also still in contention for the main prize of £50,000, lying in 38th place. John Hunt, of Taunton, remains the overall leader.

The (anonymous) winning

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N Ardley (Wimbledon)
D Beckham (Manchester Utd)
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T Tzvetanov (Aberdeen)



Shearer's hat-trick against Lekester City won the game for his team and made him the leading ITF points-scorer



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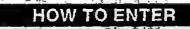
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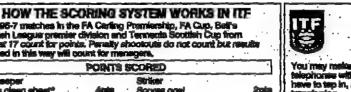
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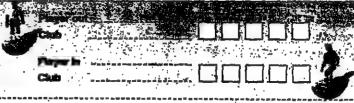


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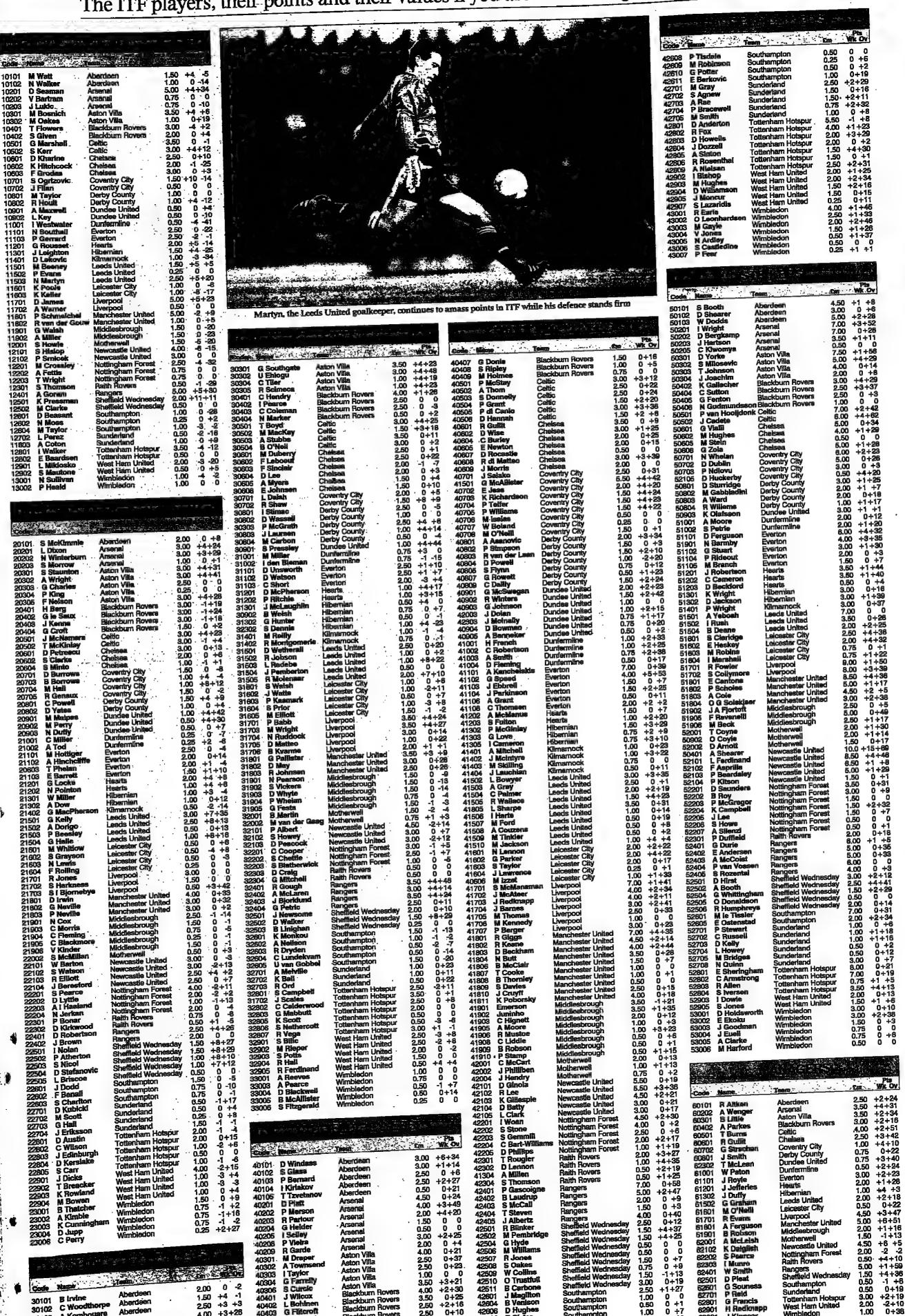
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Major takes poll battle to Brussels

In John Major will today blame European Union policies for mass unemployment across the continent and give a warning that acceptance of the social chapter in Britain would lead to all the problems that "brought us to our knees" in the 1970s.

The Prime Minister will deliver his attack in Brussels, but his underlying message will be aimed at the domestic audience as he seeks to highlight the biggest policy difference between the Conservatives and Labour

Tory lion is a pussy cat really

■ The lion cast as the patriotic hero in the latest Conservative poster campaign was yesterday hailed by the party high command as the star of a big new film. But it soon emerged that the celebrity, known as King, gave such a poor performance that it ended on the cutting room floor......

Pakistan election

The leader of Pakistan's Muslim League, Mian Nawaz Sharif, was confident of victory after a general election in which voter turnout fell to an unprecedentedPages L 15

New millionaires

The sharp contrast between how lottery winners handle their fortunes after they have become overnight millionaires was .. Page 1

Stepfather arrested

Police investigating the disappearance of Zoe Evans, aged nine, in Wiltshire last month rearrested her stepfather Page 1

Labour worry

Labour sought to play down any suggestion that it had softened its position on a single currency after Robin Cook's admission that a Labour government might join a single currency in 2002.....Page 2

Road rage death A motorist saw his two friends

shot in the head at close range by another driver after a minor accident in a case of "road rage taken to its extreme", a court wasPage 3

Parents' damages

The parents of a teenage girl who died an agonising death after five hospital doctors failed to diagnose an ovarian cyst have accepted an out of court settlement of Page 4

Reluctant hero

A remarkable story of wartime courage kept secret for half a century has been revealed with the death of a reluctant hero incarcerated in Colditz by the . Page 6

Stone age gum

Stone Age teenagers developed a 5,000-year-long taste for a smokeflavoured chewing gum made from birch bark, research has

Tories falter

The Tories' by-election campaign in Wirral South faltered as it began when Michael Heseltine and Stephen Dorrell delivered two contrasting messagesPage 10

Lordly detective The clothes are more ceremonial

than plain, but detective Rodney Muff believes he will have no trouble fitting in at the House of Lords after giving up his job to take his seat Page II

Nato's 'mistake'

The Kremlin described the enlargement of Nato to include countries in Eastern Europe as the "biggest mistake by Western leaders for 50 years" Page 12

Clinton tax cuts

President Clinton will make E61.25 billion of tax cuts the centrepiece of his budget, which will be unveiled before Congress on Thursday, in an attempt to appease Republicans Page 14

Beryl Reid remembers her cats

■ Beryl Reid left her £200,000 cottage on the banks of the Thames to an actor — with a request that he looks after her six cats. Miss Reid, 76, also left Paul Strike, 48, who has a nonspeaking role in the television hospital drama Casualty, most of the contents and £2,000. At one time Miss Reid had 13 cats, many named after friends and colleagues



Riot police blocking the path of 80,000 demonstrators during an anti-government rally in Belgrade yesterday. Page 13

Industry: British manufacturing staged a rebound but the news should not tilt the balance in favour of higher interest rates because of sterling's strength...

Departure: Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund manager, insisted that it was not for sale as it sought to restore stability after the surprise departure of Colin Hook, managing director _Page 27

Prison: Richard Lines, the 60-year old former founder and chairman of MTM, the chemicals giant began a two-year prison sentence for a fraud in which investors lost £250 million ___Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 18 to 4,257.8. Sterling rose to 95.3 after rises from \$1.6027 to 1.6130 and DM2.6233 to DM2.6497... Page 30

Football: England's hopes of staging the 2006 World Cup rose when Fifa confirmed that more than than one country from each of the continental associations could

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Rugby union: The president of the RFU said that the position of Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the union's executive committee, was becoming "less and less tenable" Page 52 Cricket: West Indies beat Australia by ten wickets in the final Test in Perth, their fifth win out of five on the ground, but lost the series 3-

Racing: The prospect of an Irish victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup — and a repeat of last year's post-race chaos - has prompted a Security clampdown...... Page 47

Blood and sand: Veteran stage designer Ralph Koltai is the man brought in by Raymond Gubbay to blow up Carmen into an Albert Hall-sized spectacle..... Page 36

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In the face of Spain's offer of cosovereignty over Gibraltar, made as a formula for compromise and evolution towards a more normal the usual manner. We Europeans are used to living with its "peculiar" postures. But for how long?

Preview: When Megan Kanka was raped and killed her parents campaigned for a new law on paedophiles. Inside Story (BBC1, 10pm). Review: Lynne Truss in praise of infallible McCallum...... Page 51

The Cook currency

Labour's European policy may not be as dangerous as the new Conservative advertisement seems to suggest. But, on balance, Labour is more likely to lead Britain into EMU....

Milosevic and friends

The greater the co-ordination of Western policies towards Serbia. the better. In Britain's case the impact of official firmness is weakened by the business involvement with Mr Milosevic of Douglas Hurd

Foui play

Uefa should not be allowed to elbow England off the field before the World has had a chance to judge its fitness. The FA is right to cry

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Did Panorama deliberately set out to undermine the economy this morning by upsetting hugeswathes of the workforce? Did they mean to cause a chain of car-park accidents, design flaws, misdiagnoses, futile rows, orders faxed in error to Kinlochbervie and cups of coffee spilt into the innards of the photocopies?....

ROBIN COOK

Europe wants a strong Britain, capable of leading and shaping the debate, capable of talking on equal terms, capable of sticking to its guns. Under Labour, that is what they will get ... PETER RIDDELL

The potential gains for the Tories by campaigning on Europe may be offset by the party's divisions on the

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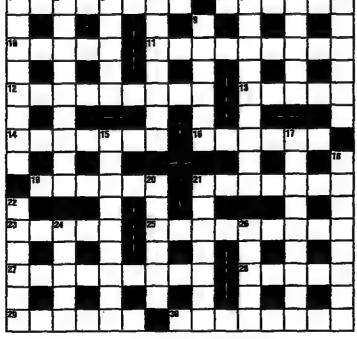
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21 Erect and riding with authority 23 Under cover, US soldier gets back without officer (5).

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27 Our trip out on river something of a mixture (3-6).

28 Dog caught in bear hug (5). 29 Bargains in entertainments (6). 30 Fit to study, being bookish (4-4).

1 Garden feature supporting climbers initially seen in China (8). 2 Defender's collected a game point

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15 Misdirected infantry put off balапсе (5-4).

17 Scholar putting dress on to take part in elaborate ceremony (9). 18 Joined in operation, and longed to get under way (8). 20 Whole lot of conservationists in

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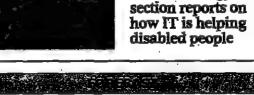


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General: a front over Wales and northern England will move south clearing all but southernmost areas. In England and Wales, overcast wet weather will clear southwards as brighter conditions filter into northern parts. The south will stay cloudy and wet and, later, cloud and rain will return to the southwest and Wales. Scotland and Northern ireland will be bright and mainly dry, with sunny periods. Showers are likely in the west and north.

☐ London, SE, Central S & SW England: rather cloudy, out-breaks of rain. Strong southwest winds. Mild. Max 11C (52F).

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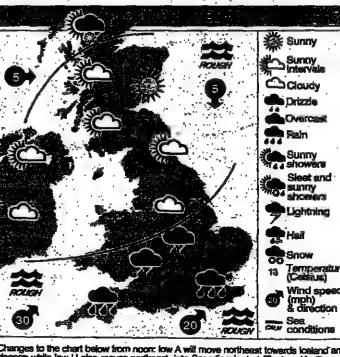
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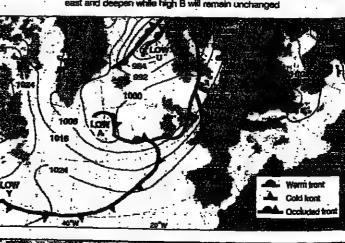
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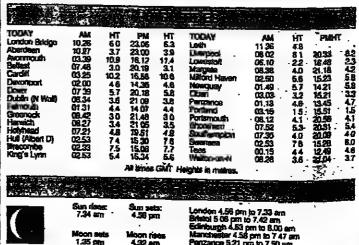
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Ivory & Sime chief quits over management fallout

IVORY & SIME, the Edinburgh fund manager, insisted that it was not for sale yesterday as it sought to restore stability after the surprise departure of Colin Hook, its muchcriticised managing director.

After little more than two years, Mr Hook resigned and left immedjately because of a breakdown in his relationship with fund managers. Four resigned last month to set up

of senior management departures. Sir David Kinloch, the chairman who has taken the executive reins, said: "We are not seeking to receive an offer." He added: The business is actually in quite good shape apart from these wretched defections. Our investment performance, which is critical, is good and certainly a damn sight better than a lot of our competitors." He pledged to make ivory "more user-friendly".

similar to the crisis at Dunedin last winter when the Bank of Scotlandowned fund manager lost, in quick succession, its chairman, denuty chief executive and a team of own firm. The Bank of Scotland put one of its own senior people in charge and said that the firm was not for sale. Dunedin was sold to Edinburgh Fund Managers for E83.3 million in February.

Some members of the Edinburgh financial community expect a repeat performance, particularly since Sir David's main role is as deputy chief executive of Caledonia Investments, the Cayzer family company that owns nearly 30 per cent of Ivory & Sime. Ivory manages about £3.8 billion and has a current market value of £78 million.

Mr Hook's alleged personality failings have been widely reported since the exit last month of a team led by Mark Tyndall, head of UK equities, and John Dodd, head of Ivory's highly successful small companies team. A former Army officer, Mr Hook was widely regarded as aloof and unapproachable.

His resignation still came as a surprise after Sir David publicly cked Mr Hook in an interview in mid-January, However, Sir David spent the next two weeks in Edinburgh, "speaking to clients, senior members of staff, not-so-senior

verdict on Mr Hook was "more or

less the same", he said.
Sir David added: "He did a very good job in the first year ... but his skills were not best suited to the next stage of development." Mr Hook will receive his entitlement from a one-year contract that paid him a basic salary of £120,000.

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Output boost unlikely to push rates up

By Janet Bush, economics editor

staged a rebound in January, but the news should not tilt the balance in favour of higher interest rates with prices showing their biggest fall since last August because of the strength of sterling.

The latest survey from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply showed that orders, output and employment growth all accelerlast month. The jumped to 54.0 from 52.8 in December, allaying fears that manufacturing could stip back.

Growth was driven by do-mestic orders, particularly for consumer goods, with exports showing continued growth, albeit at a subdued pace compared with last summer.

BRITISH manufacturing also led to cheaper import

Separate figures published by the Bank of England suggested that retailing had also picked up in January after a disappointing December. MO narrow money supply, which City analysts look at as a guide to retail sales, rose by 0.7 per cent in January, stronger than

But despite yesterday's evi-dence of a pick-up in both manusacturing and retailing believe that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will Bank of England pressure for a rise in base rates.

Mr Clarke meets Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, tomorrow for their monthly monetary meet-Exports were clearly held back ing. Mr George pressed un-by sterling's strength which successfully for a quarter-

point rise in base rates at the December monetary meeting and gave warning that he could demand a half-point rise in January and February if this was not forthcoming.

Yesterday's economic evidence still leaves intact the Chancellor's argument about the deflationary effect of sterling's strength, used to justify unchanged base rates at the January monetary meeting. The exchange rate part of

the equation also went Mr Clarke's way yesterday. After falling in recent days, the pound staged a dramatic reeffective index against a bas-ket of currencies compared with 94.4 on Friday. Sterling gained more than two-and-a-half pfennigs against the mark to close at DM2.6497 and also gained a cent against the

The City is waiting eagerly for Thursday's publication of fourth-quarter and final re-sults from ICI to see whether — and how much — the company's profits have been hit by the strength of the pound. Many other companies have reported depressed profits in recent weeks because of the exchange rate.

Hopes that American interest rates will remain unchanged after today's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee were boosted by a weaker than expected US purchasing managers' survey yesterday which suggested that strength in American manufacturing is beginning to

The US index fell to 52.0 in January from 53.8 in December compared with expectations on Wall Street of a 53.0 reading. There was a small rise in the prices index, but analysts saw no evidence of worrying price pressures.

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INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government will today announce a shift in its jobs policy by declaring a new

focus on long-term unemployment, with

the aim of cutting the number of people

out of work for a year or more by up to

Gillian Shephard, the Employment

100,000 over the next year.



Richard Lines, left, and Thomas Baxter arrive at the Old Bailey yesterday before being jailed and barred from being directors

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Gates warning

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Prices fall

House prices fell more sharply than expected in January, leading to a steep drop in the annual rate of house price inflation. Page 28

er of Chervasse, Walton Group, is urging the Millen-

nium Commission to reject a

rival scheme for the site, pro-

posed by a consortium led by

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Very Rev Derrick Walters.

That scheme needs £24.6 mil-lion of lottery funding. The

commission says a decision on whether to approve a grant

will be made by February 10.

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Walton's letting agent, Neil

Governor warns of EMU 'risks'

By OUR ECONOMICS EDITOR

nor of the Bank of England, last night urged Europe's political leaders to stand back and weigh up dispassionately the "real risks" as well as the potential benefits of the single currency before any irrevocable step is

In a speech to bankers in London, Mr George said that it would be foolbardy to union will inevitably bring about the political harmony and economic prosperity across Europe that everybody wants to see.

He noted that Britain is widely regarded elsewhere in Europe as being bloodyminded and even obstruc-tive about EMU. But he said: "If the debate in this country encourages open debate eisewhere, then we will be doing a service to Europe as a whole."

disappointing if this debate increase and that this had were to degenerate into recrimination and antagopism. "I am not particularly impressed either by the

EDDIE GEORGE, Gover- fears sometimes expressed about the economic penalties that will be visited on countries outside monetary union, or by the occasional rattling of the cage to try to bully them into it," he said. In remarks that are highly

relevant to the debate trig-gered by Toyota's public airing of doubts about future investment in Britain if it remained outside the single currency, the Gover-nor was upheat. He said investment would continue to flow to Britain as long as it succeeds in maintaining an environment offering at tractive returns. He said that and supply side policies were far more important than the exchange rate. For the City, Mr George.

said that the cure, if it comes, "will be more of an opportu nity than a threat". He said that the international busi-He said that it would be ness of the City continued to very little to do with the expectation that Britain will be among the first to join a single currency.

MTM founder jailed over £250m fraud

THE 60-year-old founder and former chairman of MTM, the chemicals groupp, was last night starting a two-year pris-on sentence for a huge fraud in which investors lost £250

Richard Lines, who helped to found MTM in 1984, was found guilty on two counts of conspiring to account falsely and one charge of making faise or misleading statements. Lines was also disqualified from acting as a company director for five years by Judge Grigson sitting at the Old Bailey.

Thomas Baxter, the 45-yearold former finance director of MTM, once Britain's secondlargest chemicals combine, was sent to prison for six months for conspiring to account falsely and making false or deceptive statements. He was disqualified from being a company director for two years. The two men were found guilty in December

By ROBERT MILLER

The Serious Fraud Office and North Yorkshire Police fraud squad began an investigation into MTM in March 1992 after the company's share price collapsed and investors lost £250 million. During the trial the court heard that MTM had embarked on an

after a six-month trial.

acquisition spree.

City analysts, acting on information provided by MTM, forecast substantial profits for 1990 and 1991, and the share price rose accordingly. The SFO said Lines took advantage of the buoyant share price to fund another acquisition and sell a substantial number of shares that he

owned or controlled. in September 1991 Lines, of Great Ayton, North York-shire, sold 1.25 million shares for more than £3 million. Some of the money was used to buy a farm worth £1.8 million, added to Lines's home, which has a swimming

Tories to fight long-term joblessness and Education Secretary, will signal the ment Service, to help those unemployed for a very long time to get back to work.

Unemployment overall in Britain is low

and falling quickly, compared with many

other countries, but long-term unemploy-

remains high in the UK. Overall UK

unemployment is 1.88 million, but about

800,000 people in that total have been out

of work for more than a year.

ment -- joblessness for a year or more -



Coleman: portfolio revamp

House of Fraser eves Liverpool

By Jason Nisse

HOUSE OF FRASER, which stores in the UK. The developa week ago said that it was getting rid of three depart-ment stores and cutting 1,000 obs, is considering opening a 120,000 sq ft store in the centre

of Liverpool.
House of Fraser and Debenhams have been trumpeted as core tenants of the proposed 800,000 so ft develop-ment at Chervasse Park, between the Albert Dock and the city centre. The Debenhams site could be up to 180,000 sq ft, making it one of the largest

enall, said he had shown site plans to HoF, which had asked for detailed letting terms. The stores group said: We are interested in many shopping developments, but

have made no commitments to Chervasse Park." Under John Coleman, who took the helm last year, HoF has been revamping its portfolio, agreeing to developments in Reading Solihull and Not-tingham. Debenhams has given Walton a letter backing its plan - for shops, conference hall and hotel - which the developer has put before the commission and Liverpool City

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shift in policy in a speech today to educational and business leaders in east

London. Speaking in Tower Hamlets, she

is expected to say that the Government

will now turn its attention to those most

disadvantaged in the search for jobs - the

long-term unemployed. She will an-

nounce that the Government is to refocus

its main job-finding arm, the Employ-

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Gates says UK is in danger of eclipse in software revolution

BILL GATES, chairman of unless action was taken Microsoft, gave a warning yesterday that the UK and Europe are failing to keep pace with the software revolution and risk falling behind the nations of South-East Asia. The result would be a technology deficit for future gener-

ations, he said. Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Mr Gates and Andrew Grove, chief executive of Intel, urged European gov-ernments and venture capital companies to do more to encourage the growth and development of software

Mr Gates said: "I do not understand why there is not more software activity coming out of Europe." Other areas of the world were catching up in terms of software development, he added.

He believes that the biggest software developments are not going to be in either America or Europe. "India is likely to be the next software super-power." Mr Gates said, While at Davos he met H D Deve Gowda, Prime Minister of India, and is shortly to travel to India to discuss the possibility of joint initiatives in the country, including an educa-

tional event in Bombay. Dr Grove advised European and government leaders to take advantage of their existing infrastructure to make substantial investments in information technology as a

competitive tool. Dr Grove also said that

Europe would be left behind. The consequences of not adopting and encouraging the use of PC-based technology as a fundamental part of business and education could leave future generations of Europeans with a technology

He was also critical of the fact that European venture capital companies were reluctant to put money into technology firms."Intel, Netscape, Yahoo and Microsoft were all started with the help of venture capital. In Europe banks tend to be the source of finance. Banks are a lot more risk-averse. And technology is either going to be very big or you lose your money. Governments should play a role in this process," he said.

In a review of the markets in Asia, Mr Gates said India would emerge as a superpower, while Singapore, thanks to its modern infrastructure and information-driven economy, was on target to achieving the highest per capita PC penetra-tion rate in the world. Microsoft is conducting an Internet pioneering project called Sidewalk in the city.

Microsoft is also investing in neighbouring Malaysia, where a \$2 billion MultiMedia Super Corridor is being built at a site about 65 kilometres south of Kuala Lumpur, the capital. About 20 companies have confirmed their intention of establishing operations in the high-technol-



Bill Gates, who believes that India will become the next software superpower

Stonehill lands £1m post as new **BZW** chief

By ROBERT MILLER HANKING CORRESPONDENT

RZW, the investment banking arm of Barclays, yesterday appointed a new chief executive at an estimated salary of more than £1 million.

Charles Stonehill, 38, joins BZW after 13 years with Morgan Stanley, the US secu-rities house, where he rose to become managing director of the group's European equities division and a member of the global equity operating com-mittee. Previously Mr Stonehill spent six years at JP. Morgan, the US bank, where he was part of the oil and gas corporate finance team in London and New York.

City sources indicated that an executive in Mr Stonehill's position could expect a total remuneration package of considerably more than El mil-lion. BZW declined to comment on salaries.

The Stonehill appointment is the final one in a senior management reshuffle insti-gated by Bill Harrison, the chief executive of BZW, who joined the firm from Robert

Fleming last September. Mr Stonehill said: "BZW has a strong, competitive advantage in a number of areas and a new management team, led by Bill Harrison, which has the vision and the commitment to extend those strengths. To become a member of that team was an

irresistible opportunity." Mr Stonehill is a member of the Securities Trading Com-mittee of the London Invest-

London Electricity takeover approved

ONLY two British regional electricity companies remain independent after the Government yesterday allowed the agreed £1.3 billion takeover of London Electricity by Entergy of America. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, decided not to refer the acquisition to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in line with advice from Professor Stephen Littlechild, the power industry and John Professor and John Professor Stephen Littlechild, the power industry regulator, and John Bridgeman, the Director-General of

the Office of Fair Trading.

Entergy Power UK, the British unit of Entergy Corp. said it had so far received valid acceptances representing 71 per cent of London Electricity's issued share capital. Entergy, which launched its £1,267 billion bid last December, extended the offer to February 14. The sale of London Electricity leaves Yorkshire Electricity and Southern Electric as the only two power companies not to have succumbed to bids, mostly from American companies.

A&L faces final fight

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER faces a final battle with dissident members as it moves to convert from a building society to a bank. Members voted for the change last year. Each qualifying saver and borrower will receive 250 shares. But many are angry that the shares are being given on a flat rate basis, and not according to the size of deposits or loans. Next Monday, objectors will make their case before the Building Societies Commission, under arrangements finalised yesterday.

Yarrow to cut 300 jobs

YARROW, the troubled warship builder, is to shed more than 300 jobs in new cuts at the Clyde yard. The company blames gaps in its order book. The new cuts take jobs lost at the yard over the past year to more than 1,000. Yarrow insisted that long-term prospects for the yard are "very good", with a contract to build the latest batch of Type 23 frigates providing work up to the year 2003. The yard is working on four Type 23 frigates for the Royal Navy and two frigates for Malaysia.

Apple faces more cuts

APPLE COMPUTER, the personal computer maker, is to make further cuts in its workforce and sell off assets in an attempt to cut costs by at least 20 per cent. The company said it needed to reduce its costs by \$400 million in addition to the cuts and 1,300 job losses made last year. The company also plans to sell its Newton handheld computer business that was developed in the 1980s. Pippin, the home entertainment computer presented as a cheap internet console, may also be sold.

Pacer Infotec returns

SHARES in Pacer Infotec, the newly merged defence group, were relisted this morning after a four-month suspension while it corrected an overstatement of the assets of the enlarged group. Its shares were suspended at 859, when the American-based company said the assets of inforce, which Pacer bought in July for \$7.7 million, had been overstated by \$2.1 million. Inforce's vendors have since agreed to return £17.7 million in shares. The restated figures will be published on March 4.

Hearts seeks listing

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN, the Scottish Premier League club, is to float on the Stock Exchange, raising up to £6 million and valuing the club at about £20 million. The flotation is expected to take place in May. Hearts will be the first Scottish club to seek a full listing. Chelsea Village, which owns Chelsea, yesterday raised £1.54 million by a placing of 1.1 million shares at 140p and Caspian, which owns Leeds United, raised £5.7 million by a placing of 13.6 million at 42p to two institutional investors.

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Clubhaus tees off

CLUBHAUS, the developer and operator of leisure facilities, is buying Castle Royle Golf and Country Club, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, for £2.98 million, being paid in cash and shares. Castle Royle, opened in 1995, is a championship-quality 18-hole golf course. It hosted a PGA Seniors Tour event in 1996. Clubhaus has grown rapidly by acquisition since its demerger from The Ex-Lands property company a year ago. Clubhaus shares rose 5p to a high of 92½ p.

ScotAm ignores Abbey appeal to stop mailshot

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

resolutely pushing ahead with tualisation documents and voting forms within days despite a formal appeal from Abbey National yesterday to stop the mailshot.

tualisation process came in the form of a three-page letter sent by express courier and fax to the London headquarters of SBC Warburg, the merchant bank currently advising Scottish Amicable.

Distribution of the disputed circular to Scottish Amicable policyholders is likely to begin on Thursday. It will make passing reference to the Abbey's bid of between £1.1 billion to £1.5 billion for the mutual life insurer, but will recommend that policyholders vote for Scottish Amicable's own two-stage flotation.

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was addressed to Jock Birney. managing director of SBC Warburg, from John Nelson, vice-chairman of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank advising Abbey. In it, Mr Nelson says: "We

Abbey's eleventh-hour at- are formally requesting you to



Government concession on energy

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE Government conceded yesterday that it had not been aware of the full value of the energy industries when they were sold and first regulated. The Energy Minister's comments are the closest the Government has come to saying that the industries were sold off cheaply and enjoyed

lenient regulation.

Lord Fruser of Carmyllie The letter requests Mr Birney to contact Mr Nelson by teletold the Trade and Industry Select Committee on Regulaphone to discuss the matter further and reiterates that Abtion that immediately after privatisation there had been bey has made a formal offer. little understanding of the Abbey, whose chief executive is Peter Birch, pledges to pay the embedded value of the company state of the industry". He added: "In retrospect one plus goodwill of at least £400 million to policyholders from its own reserves. A Scottish Amicable adviser said: "Abbey still seems to think that it has made a bid for us, but no formal offers

defer sending any proposals to policyholders with the Scottish

Amicable's board's recom-

mendations until a thorough

analysis of Abbey National's offer (and any others which may be forthcoming) has been

undertaken. There is no doubt

that the offer from Abbey

attractive to policyholders."

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have materialised."

House price rise slows in January

BY ROBERT MILLER

HOUSE prices in the UK fell more sharply than expected in January, leading to a steep drop in the annual rate of house price inflation according to the latest survey published today.

The Halifax, Britain's largest mortgage lender, will re-

port that monthly UK house prices fell by 0.6 per cent last month compared with a revised 1.9 per cent rise in December. On an annual basis the building society said house price inflation is now 7.1 per cent against the 8.4 per cent recorded at the end of last

could have an argument The survey's authors said: The fall in January 1997 is about the appropriate share sharper than expected and is probably an adjustment for larger-than-expected rises at the end of 1996. The annual But the minister said price controls implemented immediately after privatisation would not necessarily have led to greater profit for the rate of inflation is now in line with our general expectation of around 7 per cent." Despite

the healthy rise in house prices seen in certain areas of the country, the Halifax index is still 5.6 per cent below its peak in 1989. The last time it fell on a monthly basis was in June

Nationwide Building Society, however, said last week that house prices rose 0.7 per cent in January compared with December, pushing the annual rate of house price inflation to 8.2 per cent. While the Halifax and Nationwide house price indices often vary on a month-to-month basis they usually converge to provide the same "feeling" for the market by the end of the year.

One area of the Halifax survey that will cause concern is the 2 per cent fall in prices paid by first-time buyers in January. The annual rate of inflation in this sector is now 5.7 per cent, compared with 8 per cent reported last month.

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Sharman's £770,000 at KPMG

BY RUBBERT BRUCE

COLIN SHARMAN, UK se-nior partner of KPMG, saw his income rise 4.1 per cent to E770.577 in the year to Septemcountancy firm's latest andited report and accounts. The accounts also show the average partner's earnings ex-ceeded £200,000, with a rise of 12 per cent from £184,000 to £206,000.

KPMG said gross fees rose 6 per cent to £624 million, with a particularly strong contribution from corporate finance. Mr Sharman also unveiled figures for the first quarter of the current year, showing that earned income was up 15 per cent, management consulting was up 32 per cent and

transactions services, covering such areas as acquisitions and

disposals work, rose 35 per KPMG decided to incorporate its audit business last

year as a way of limiting liability, while other firms toyed with the idea of forming limited liability partnerships under Jersey law. The new set of accounts others both of accounts covers both KPMG Audit plc and the rest of the business.

Investors fight off **Panther**

BY GAVEN LUMSDEN

AN unprecedented high turn-our of shareholders snubbed the attempt by Panther Securi-ties to take over the troubled Exmoor Dual split capital investment trust yesterday.
Holders of 80 per cent of the trust's shares voted in favour of retaining Peter Gray, the chairman, and his board.
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Andrew Perioff, of Panther Securities, a property invest-ment company with a 29.9 per cent stake in the trust, convinced only 3 per cent of shareholders to vote for him. Exmoor Dual and SBC Warburg, its adviser, had warned investors of the danger of the trust becoming a property investment company.

Panther succeeded in blocking an amendment to the trust's articles of association that would have increased the annual yield to zero dividend preference shareholders from 12.2 per cent to 13 per cent.

Mr Gray said he would enter negotiations with Panther with a view to liquidating the trust. But it remains unclear how the board can pay zero holders in full and offer anything to the trust's income and ordinary

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☐ ScotAm policyholders could regret the confusion ☐ German tele-alliance in trouble ☐ AIM media group's profits shock ☐ THERE will shortly be another 44 million pieces of waste paper competing with all the other junk

mail in the post. They will be bound up into the 80-page docu-ment being sent this week to 1.1 million people from Scottish Amicable, whose two-tier flotation has been kicked into touch by the Abbey National.

The state of affairs at ScotAm is so peculiar, and so complex, that one hesitates to make firm predictions. There seems little chance that ScotAm will be recreated in three to five years as a stand-alone business quoted on the stock market. There is a the stock market. There is a slight danger, however, that it might get there by default because its owners, the policyholders, are so baffled that they fail to take the action needed to safeguard their interests.

The dozen grey-suited accountants running ScotAm, emerging blinking from the shadows of the Scottish mutual industry where any number of similarly named

any number of similarly named concerns have slept undisturbed for decades, were immediately required to perform some difficult public contortions once the

Abbey pitched up.

The top 12 men had to put in £1.5 million of their own money between them. Their profit, over the three to five years before an eventual ScotAm float, was to have been based on the rate of growth of ScotAm's new in-

Kicking the Abbey habit surance vehicle; 25 per cent, and their stakes will be worth £3.75 N&P, which was bought by the Abbey, was prepared to counte-

million in all, a profit to split between them of £2.25 million. nance such a sale, and it seems ScotAm is not. Relatively modest by comparison The danger is that the March 6 poll requires a 75 per cent majority, but only of those ac-tually voting. Policyholders keen on the two-tier plan will clearly with other boardroom incentive The irony is that, in selling the scheme to policyholders, that 25 per cent figure was suggested as

But if enough of those less keen or wanting to accept a higher offer but unsure of how to do so, abstain, the former's votes could be enough to win the day. Even if they form a minority, and if the actions they are approving are against the best interests of the

new vehicle also translates into policyholders' eventual returns. So these must be emphasised if the Abbey is to be resisted. Except that in the real world the Abbey has merely started a bidding war that will end when someone puts the highest value on the table, payable right now. Bidders must make their intentions clear by the special meeting on March 6 at which policyholders will decide on the **C&W** disconnects the phone line

☐ WHAT is Dick Brown up to? The chief executive of Cable and Wireless started his job with a bang last autumn when he poached RWE, a German indusbridsh Telecom partnership in Germany. Only four months later we learn that Mr Brown is ready to pull C&W out of the

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German alliance, abandoning RWE and fellow German concern Veba to fend for themselves. Mr Brown's alternative strategy is not clear and, unless he is careful, the whole thing could turn very sour. Veba owns 10.5 per cent of C&W and has board representation. If Mr Brown's abrupt reversal does not sit well with his German shareholders,

they could make life difficult.
Should Veba decide to get really nasty, it could double or triple that stake in C&W and start dictating terms to London. Mr Brown should not underestimate Veba's power. Its refusal last year to back the proposed C&W-BT merger unless C&W's German alliance was favoured over BT's was cited as one of the main reasons behind the merg-

Now the guessing starts. It is hard to imagine that Mr Brown thinks the German market, Europe's biggest, is no longer worth the effort. Perhaps he wants to attack it from another angle. One possibility is joining Global One, the alliance formed by Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom and Sprint, America's third largest

long-distance phone company. But C&W, for all its far-flung operations, is a minnow in comparison to Global One or its partners. C&W could offer Global One access to the Greater London market through Cable and Wireless Communications, the four through Cable. the four-way merger of Mercury, and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. That venture, however, is un-proven, widely regarded as a marriage of weakness, and Global One could just as easily gain access to London's cor-porate market through growing rivals such as Colt and MFS.

Mr Brown will have to motor to make C&W a strong player in Europe, and the next few months could make or break the company. If he fails, he will face increasing institutional pressure to dismantie the group. Or was that the plan all along?

Running round in fruitless Circle

THE only bit of the film El Cid that anyone can remember is when they tie his body to his horse and send it out to fight the final battle with the Moors. When Circle Communications came to the Alternative Invest-ment Market in June, much was made of its ownership of the rights to El Cid, for some strange reason. Yesterday's news prompts one to wonder if the company rode on to the market in a similar state.

structures Hamble Silver Platter (AIM Class) for the swiftest descent from placing prospectus to profit warning. Circle came out of a media company called MVI, whose only other conspicuous product was Talk Radio. Both were run by a couple of clever entrepreneurs, Peter Clark and Christopher Turner, who

This one wins the Aero-

What they do not seem to have had is a business making profits that could be forecast to any reliable degree. Profits this year will be not less than the amount already reported for the first half which means, to put it more bluntly, the company may not have made a red cent in the six months since it was floated. One of the few brokers to follow the company was rather hoping for £1.5 million this year. More worryingly, Mr Turner is off

soon, we know not where or why. Tempting to shrug one's shoulders - just another duff AIM stock, these media companies you know, caveat emptor. Except that everyone tells us we should regard AIM as a serious market

Sale at Dixons

☐ ONE approaches the affairs of Dixons, and its volatile chairman, Sir Stanley Kalms, with trepidation. When the subject last came up, after he com-plained about an analysts' sell circular, Permington broached the subject thus: "... one braces oneself for the inevitable phone call this morning". Strangely, the phone call never arrived. Now we know why. Sir Stanley, who sold a third of his personal stake last week, was busy taking the analysts advice.

BAA sees

long haul

ahead on

terminal

BY CARL MORTISHED

BAA is bracing itself for a

long haul in its battle to secure planning permis-

sion for the proposed fifth terminal at Heathrow.

Delays have caused the

timetable to slip and BAA

now thinks the inquiry

will not be complete by the

end of the year. BAA's

plans to have the terminal

BAA's plans could also

be affected by Boring's

decision not to go ahead with the "super jumbo". BAA raised its operating

profits for the nine months to December 9 per cent to

open by 2002.

Sainsbury suffers setback with low Ladbroke refund

about the best return possible.

Now it is promised as a mini-

mum because the success of the

new vehicle also translates into

policyholders will decide on the

management's plan.

When a similar situation emerged at the National &

Provincial the management sim-

ply slapped gagging notices on all bidders and required them to submit offers behind closed

doors within a month. But the

By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY, the embattled superstores group, discovered yesterday that it will receive far less than expected from Ladbroke in the settlement of their dispute over Texas

An independent arbitrator has decided that Ladbroke must repay £9.3 million to Sainabury's. The City had expected it to recover at least E30 million, and perhaps as

GORDON DENNIS stands

to realise more than £20 mil-

lion after selling A R Den-

nis, the family-owned book-

maker, to Ladbroke, the lei-

sure group, for £31 million (Alasdair Murray writes).

40 years with the business, set up by his father in 1935. The other shareholders, including his wife and family and Roy

Thake, a director, will receive

a total of £11 million.

A R Dennis is based in the

South East and has 114

outlets. Ladbroke said it was

buying the chain to improve

its position in areas where it

is lightly represented, al-though it will divest itself of

three shops to meet Office of

Fair Trading requirements. After the deal, Ladbroke will

have 1,925 ontlets. Ladbroke

Mr Dennis is retiring after

Texas in March 1995. The disagreements over the final payment were referred for arbitration to Price Waterhouse in January 1996 and centred on an estimated net asset value of £155 million. The arbitrator has now decided that the price should be adjust-

ed down to £280.7 million. Ladbroke, which is delighted with the settlement, is to take a charge of \$15.4 million much as £70 million, from the for the financial year just £290 million it paid to acquire ended. It will cover the repay-

adjusted by £1.4 million de-

pending on Dennis's perior-

mance in the next 12 months.

to play down the importance.

talks a year ago with ITT, now the target of a \$6.4 bil-lion bid by Hilton Hotels Corporation, Filings to the

Securities & Exchange Commission show that the two

considered a joint venture.

The talks were inconclusive

and Ladbroke agreed a joint

The market yesterday scoffed at suggestions that

III, owner of Sheraton

hotels, could counter-bid for

Ladbroke Analysis were

generally positive on bene-fits for Ladbroke if Hilmo's

bid wins. Tempus, page 30

venture with Hilton.

Ladbroke meanwhile tried

revelations that it had

Ladbroke bets

on A R Dennis

disappointing figure." He pointed out that at the time of the acquisition Sainabury's DIY arm was being run by Dino Adriano, who is now chief executive designate of the supermarket business. The reputations of Mr Adriano man, have been questioned since they issued a profit

ment, interest due on its settlement and provision for

A spokesman for Sainsbury's denied that the

amount was a disappoint-

ment. "We're extremely

pleased to have reached a

But one food retail analyst

commented: "It is a very

other related costs.

conclusion," he said.

warning ten days ago.

Mr Sainsbury was quoted at the weekend as saying "I am in the firing line." But analysts believe it is unlikely he will be forced out unless he fails to deliver a recovery in the 1997-98 financial year. The company is 40 per cent owned

by the Sainsbury family.

There has been some concern that when Mr Sainsbury, Mr Adriano and David Bremner, the joint chief executive, met institutional inves-tors before Christmas, they painted a relatively rosy pic-ture. A spokesman said yesterday that there had been no deception and that many of the problems which led to the profit warning had not emerged at that time.

Sainsbury's shares, which have fallen nearly 18 per cent since the profit warning, edged up ip yesterday to 323 p. Ladbroke shares rose 3½ p. to 232½ p.



Allan Rich, right, the chairman and chief executive of The Media Business Group, and Stephen Allan, managing director, reported a 42 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £585,000. The dividend increases 17 per cent to 0.035p

KBC seeks £20m from flotation

KBC Advanced Technologies a consultancy serving the oil refining industry, is raising £20 million via a stock market flotation that would value the company at more than £70 million (Fraser Nelson writes). The move will make paper millionaires of Krikor Krik-

orian, John Brice and Peter Close, who founded the com-pany 18 years ago and are due to share at least £28 million. in the year to December 31 pre-tax profits more than dou-bled to £6.1 million {£2.7 million) on sales of

million (£17.6 million). KBC employs 200 staff. About 80 own shares and each is on course for a shareholding worth £130,000 after the flotation. Dealings begin in March.

Dixons drops after baffling shares sale

By Sarah Cunningham

cent vesterday after the sale on Friday of more than one million shares by Sir Stanley Kalms, the retailer's chairman (See Pennington, this page). Another factor behind the drop was a decision by analysts at Merrill Lynch to change their recommendation on the stock from "hold" to "reduce". The analysts are due to publish a note on Dixons later this week. They are believed to be particularly concerned that growth is set to stall at the group, with both household electrical goods

and personal computer sales likely to slow down. On Friday, Sir Stanley

SHARES in Dixons fell 7.4 per raised around £5.7 million by exercising an option over 102,000 shares at 306p and selling them at 520p per share. The options were due to expire on Sunday. Simultaneously one million shares owned by him and his wife were also

sold at 520p per share. The company gave no rea-son for the decision to sell the one million shares and the move has baffled both analysts and investors. Sir Stanley still owns 2.1 million shares.

The sale is considered particularly strange in the light of Sir Stanley's anger at a "sell" note issued by another broker. Greig Middleton, last month. The shares fell 38p to 479p.

Circle warns of significant profit shortfall

CIRCLE Communications, the television rights company that floated on the AIM market last year, gave warning yesterday that profits in the 1996 financial year will fall "significantly below" City fore-

casts (Eric Reguly writes). The shares, issued at 170p in a placing handled by Ham-bros Bank, closed at 120p, down 82½ p or 41 per cent.

Circle said it expects pre-tax profits for the year to the end of December of "not less" than the £696,000 reported in the interim period. Peel Hum, the broker, had predicted pre-tax profits of ELI million in 1996. Christopher Turner, finance director, will be leaving the

company shortly Pennington this page).

£425 million, with pre-tax profits. including property sales, up 6 per cent to £397 The figures were depressed by £8 million because of phasing out of the differential between peak and off-peak passen-ger charges. BAA said the £8 million would be recov-

ered in the fourth quarter. Its airports handled 76.6 million passengers during the nine months, generaling a 5.5 per cent boost in regulated income to £385 million. The fire in the Channel Tunnel in November gave a further boost to strong traffic, with an estimated extra 50,000 passengers using the airports because of disruption to

Eurostar rail services. BAA's income from retailing grew a net 10.9 per cent to £331 million during the period, equating to an increase of 6.2 per cent in net retail income per passenger. Property income rose 8.4 per cent to £168 million. Tempus, page 30

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Interest rate worries put shares on the defensive

over interest rates about to be revived. Later today, the Federal Open Market Committee meets to discuss whether there is a need to raise prime rates. while tomorrow the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England are due to get together for their monthly

economic meeting.

At the meeting in December, Eddie George, the Governor, called for a rise of halfpoint to meet growing inflationary pressures. His view is likely to have been reinforced by yesterday's Purchasing Managers Index that showed signs of an accelera-

tion in manufacturing activity. Prices in London opened on a flat note, reflecting Friday's setback for the Dow Jones industrial average. New York opened lower again last night. scuttling any remaining hopes of a rally. The FT-SE 100 indexclosed 18.0 down at 4.257.8 in subdued turnover of

720 million shares. Nine-month results from BAA Group, the independent airport operator, were in line with expectations and the price slipped 6¹2 p to 525¹2 p. Brokers are looking for £425

million for the full year. Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, tumbled 38p to 479p on news that Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman, sold l.l million shares at 520p late on Friday. The disposal, raised E5.7 million. Merrill Lynch. the broker, immediately reduced its holding from "hold" to "reduce".

in contrast, Honeysuckie rose 6p to 32½ p as Jeremy Hamer, chairman, picked up 25,000 shares at 30p, compared with 39½p the price

reached last year. Flextech rose a further lop to 715p. reflecting on last week's decision by Granada. up 20p at 917p, BSkyB, 10p dearer at 609p, and Carlton Communications, 162p higher at 575p, to link and bid for the first licence to broadcast digital terrestrial television. nels and cable companies were hit by the prospect of 110p, while broadcasters saw HTV lose 30p at 3272p. Scottish Television 812p to



Shantari Grainger with Michael Balfour, left, and Shaun Phillips, executive director, at Fitness First's Southend club

Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, rose 5p to 285 p as NatWest Securities, the broker, joined rival Nomura by turning bullish of the shares. It has told clients to "add" to their holding after increasing its pre-tax profit forecast for the year to April 1998 by £10 million to £486 pany, nursing a fall of 82½ p at 120p. The group, which came to market at 170p in May last year, says profits for the year will be significantly below City for the year. forecasts. The company blamed lower than expected profits from Carnival. its biggest earner, and squeezed margins at Pavillion. Circle has forecast a final outcome of

Unilever retreated 162p to £13.792 as a whisper circulated that Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, had cut its profit forecast for 1996 from £2.56 billion to £2.55 billion. It has also reduced its estimate for the current year from £2.77 billion to £2.71 billion. Even so, Lehman is still believed to be at the top end of forecasts.

Trace Computers, the computer software group, rose 10p to 572p as rival MMT Computing picked up a discloseable stake. It has bought 460,000 shares, or 3.27 per cent, leading to speculation thayt it may use the holding as a springboard to a full bid. MMT slipped 112p to 585p.

A profits warning left Circle Communications, the Aimnot less than £696,000. Peel Hunt, the broker, had been looking for £1.5 million against £1.1 million last time. The expansion programme continues at Air London International, the aircraft charter broker, with the group opening a new office in Germany, its second in

Europe. The shares climbed 12p to 209⁴2 p.
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Lighting Group before it demerged, rose 13½ p to 115 reflecting the 4.1 per cent s taken by Wassall. Clubhaus, one of three

licly quoted golf course of tors, rose 5p to 92½p hitting the acquisition tra Castle Royle Golf and Cou £800,000 in cash, wid placing of shares raising balance of El.5 million. ning permission has alre-been granted for a m health and fitness centre.

Further consideration of last week's 235 per cent profits hike by Fitness First, where Michael Balfour is managing director, lifted the shares 12p to 150p. The price of the fitness centre operator has risen 30p in the past few days.

Hat Pin, the Aim-listed specialist recruitment agency. stood out with a 4p rise to 632p as the group announced details of a boardroom reshuffle. Steven Raven joins as a non-executive director, while Hannah Brown, who heads its Kendall Tarrant division, has been promoted to the board. Teather & Greenwood, the company's new broker, has reviewed the company and naturally rates the shares a

☐ GILT-EDGED: Among longs, prices climbed E4 as | WASIDING HANGES. the market extended recent gains to outperform German bunds, it was a positive per-formance, inspired partly by a better than expected outurn from the US National Association of Purchasing Manag ers, while signs of a pick-up in industrial output were recorded in this country by the Purchasing Managers' Index.

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acked direction and with investors wary, the Dow Jones industrial average was 8.08

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Rooms for expansion Hilton bid, suggesting that he believes Ladbroke can only benefit from a takeover. GAMBLERS are eternal optimists, and Ladbroke, which has bought 114 betting Both Hilton and Ladbroke have hinted that shops, clearly hopes that the industry has the latter might win management contracts in turned the corner. Bookies have faced a tough some of Sheraton's 25 hotels outside the US time since the arrival of the National Lottery. should the bid go through. Meanwhile, Ladbroke should also gain from customers but deregulation measures and signs of media weariness of the weekly jamboree allowed the industry to fight back last year. The new midweek draw, which begins tomorrow, offers a fresh challenge, but. Ladbroke is probably right in assuming the best course of action is to face it head on. expansion plans. The real issue for Ladbroke lies outside the company's control in the brewing bid battle between ITT Corporation, which owns the Sheraton hotel chain, and Hilton Hotels Corporation, Ladbroke's US partner. Peter George, Ladbroke's boss, who sits on the HHC board, gave his seal of approval to the

using Hilton's worldwide reservation system. At the same time, Hilton's planned gaming expansion plans, in which Ladbroke is to acquire a stake, look safe. Hilton has suggested it will instead scale back ITT's own The flurry of activity, and even the

misleading rumours suggesting that Ladbroke itself could become a target, as the hotel industry begins to consolidate provides enough fuel to keep Ladbroke shares on the boil over the coming months.

eassuring. Caledonia will not want to

lose Sir David for long -

particularly since other parts of its stable need attention,

particularly Exco, the money broker. But with the worry

Ivory & Sime

ONE WAG put it in succinct, if cruel terms: if Ivory & Sime shares gain 2p when the managing director leaves, why not get rid of another 25 managers and

move the price up to £3?
Sadly, losing fund managers is something that Ivory finds all too easy. The Edinburgh firm has been accident prone for years, a disease that has clearly not been cured since the Cayzer family's Caledonia Investments took its 29.9 per cent stake in the summer of 1994.

On the surface, this looks an almost exact rerun of last year's Dunedin fiason. The Bank of Scotland controlled firm was quickly sold to Edinburgh Fund Managers for £83.3 million after Dunand a handful of managers set up on their own. Sir

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THE CURSE of utilities is stuggish growth. Power companies can expect long-term growth to track the economy, but BAA is different its growth regularly exceeds economic growth rates. Air travel is increasing at a last pace and, among airport opera-tors, BAA is well placed to take advantage with its ownership of Heathrow.

That raises the thorny problem of how much new capacity to build and of what type. New runways are a planning nightmare and have been virtually ruled out.

instead. BAA is pinning its These would increase passenger flow without the need for extra runway capacity. Unrely on investment by Airbus and Boeing. The latter has suffered a bout of nerves over its plans for a "super jumbo";

and many doubt Airbus could financially support its own version. Without support from carriers, these air-

David Kinloch, the chair-

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sists that Ivory is not for sale

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But the revolving door at

made substantial progress.

Ivory does little to attract

craft will never fly. Few airlines are financially solvent, depending on subsi-dies or the threat of bank-ruptcy to keep creditors, including employees, at bay. Even today, many US air-lines are fished descential. lines are flying dangerously ageing aircraft. if BAA's ans depend on an industry kitted out with a new generation of aircraft, it may have to think again. What the airlines seem to:

want to sell is frequent flights in small planes.

Wassall/TLG WASSALL is on the trail of undervalued, undermanaged and underloved businesses. It has had some success in that department, buying the copper wire business was earning a mere £1.5 million.

was contributing more than

E30 million and Wassall now has the option of spinning off General Cable and returning cash to shareholders or

reinvesting.
Is TLG another General Cable? The company is distinctly unloved, having failed to impress since flotation and last month issued a profit warning. Yet TLG's main problem is the cyclical character of its market. TLG supplies the construction industry, a sector that is still relatively denressed in the UK and on its back in much of continental Europe.

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bottom of the cycle.

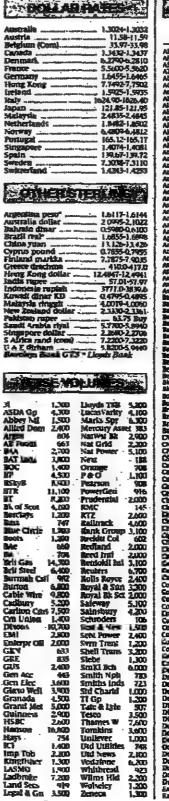
If Wassall wanted to bid for TLG, its accurisition of 4 per cent would be of little help. Too small to be a bargaining chip, but too large to hide. This looks more like a punt than a project.

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job as managing director of Ivory & Sime yesterday sent a shockwave through the Scottish financial community.

He is leaving the Edinburgh fund manager

barely two weeks after he was given the pub-

lic backing of Sir David Kinloch in an interview in the Financial Times. Sir David, who

has taken over as the firm's executive chair-

man, is deputy chief executive of Caledonia

Investments, the quoted Cayzer family com-

pany which is Ivory's biggest shareholder.
The upheaval—the latest in a long line of

senior management departures to afflict

Ivory over the past 20 years - raised doubts

not only about Ivory's own future but about

the survival of a strong and independent fin-

For the "Scottish malia" is under siege.

ivory's problems come only a year after a management debacle at Dunedin led to it be

ing swallowed up by the rival Edinburgh

ancial community in Scotland.



SFO makes legal history

A PIECE of legal history was made yesterday at the Old Bailey — by the Serious Frand Office, no less. In the course of its long-running fraud trial against Abbas Gokal, chairman of Gulf Group, a live TV linktime. A witness was linked from a conference studio in Geneva direct to a large screen in the Old Bailey. Meanwhile, Gokal, faring allegations of fraud and false accounting - one charge mentions \$1.2 billion, the largest single sum ever used in an indictment against an individual will be looking for the prosecution to wrap up the case for him today.

Clarke honour

IN THE cut and thrust of this seemingly interminable pre-election campaign, it's good to know that Ken Clarke has the backing of at least one august body. He was yesterday made an bonorary fellow of no lesser body than the Institute of Certified Book-Keepers.

Wait for a break

MORE misery for Stephen Davidson. The acting chief executive of TeleWest, the largest cable TV company, was due to learn in November whether he was to be confirmed as full-time boss. Then it was January. Now there has been yet another delay while the company's US shareholders consider two other candidates -- one from Pensi International the other a former Procter & Gamble man Brace youself for a flurry of omotions ... supermarket cable coupons coming



"Get your £9.3 million ready — here comes David Sainsbury"

Horlick's meal

THE El million woman was out partying with Salomon Brothers on Friday night Nicola Horlick was a guest of Peter Middleton, chief executive, at a dianer directors to the investment bank. Held at The Wallace Collection in Manchester Square, for about 150 people, Superwoman accompanied her husband Timothy, a managing director at Salomon's, who is said to have kept his head well down at work during the whole sorry affair. Word has it that her fellow guests kept very quiet - not habysitters.

FRED WATT was in the spotlight yesterday. The aptly named finance director at Wassall, the small but acquisitive congiomerate, shed an interesting light on his company's purchase of 7.5 million shares in the Thorn Lighting Group.

Club's stand

ASTON VILLA is at last calling the shots. Potential investors who phone the football club switchboard will be greeted by a wearysounding answer mess-age. If your query concerns a possible share flotation of the club, the directors have not taken any decision in relation to this matter. If and when they did, a share prospectus would be issued, and would be available through the normal sources, which would be widely publicised."

MORAG PRESTON

Reading between the lines of Kinloch's words and deeds

stumbled into an unwanted auction that looks likely to see it sold to the highest hidder. Meanwhile, life offices like Scottish Life and Scottish Provident, and fund managers like Martin Currie, Stewart Ivory and Aber-

deen Trust increasingly look too small to compete with the industry leviathans. The head of one Edinburgh found manager said: "Personally I am very sad for Ivory & Sime, as an Edinburgh company. This is about where we were last year with Dunedin.
I find it very embarrassing. I don't think it's good for Scotland. We're not covering our-

selves with glory at the moment." In Glasgow, Alastair Haddow, chief investment officer of Murray Johnstone fitself now US owned), said: "My concern is that Scotland retains sufficient fund management operations to make us attractive to companies and brokers to come and visit. The worry is

erosion, that we become marginalised." Mr Hook's two-year tenure at Ivory has seen an improvement in its previously mediocre investment record, helped by his recruitment of John Stubbs from Postel (now Hermes), manager of the BT and Post Office helping Ivory to hang on to British Asset, its flagship investment trosts, he made a couple of good acquisitions and increased profits.

Unfortunately, this progress did not make it any easier for his fund managers to enjoy working for him. A former Army officer who previously headed a Lloyd's action group, Mr Hook has been described as "a spare, ascetic ram-rod figure, distant and rather unapproachable. One former employee describes an environment of secrecy rather than an environment of openness and discussion".

After a trickle of senior departures, including that of Gordon Neilly, the business

development director, the crux came last month with the loss of Ivory's head of UK equities and its entire small companies team. Mr Hook bunkered down one last time, refusing to speak to the riled Scottish press

for a week.

Sir David has spent the past fortnight talking to the firm's staff and clients, eventually concluding that Mr Hook's personality was too great a problem to overcome - regardless

of his public assurances. Sir David wants to make Ivory more "user friendly", and has reasserted Caledonia's commitment to the firm. Most rival managers accept this is not a rerun of Dunedin, and that Caledonia has yet to put up the "for sale" sign. But one insider observed: "Do Caledonia really want to lose their deputy chief executive to one of their investee companies? They will tell you no [they do not want to sell]. but you can read between the lines."

PAUL DURMAN

Standing by for a quick trip on the election gravy train

Clare Stewart

on the services

that prosper when Britain

goes to the polls

named the day but Jeff Moore is ready. He has nearly 30 kilometres of orange ribbon standing by together with some 20,000 pins and a few quarts of give. When the election date is set. Mr Moore, who runs Showtime Rosettes in Suffolk, will spring into action. He and his staff of two have a bulk order from the Liberal Democrats that means 20,000 rosettes to be stitched frilled and assembled for dispatch

around the country On top of which he has orders from a number of other parliamentary hopefuls who are keen to equip themselves with some rather flashier rosettes (three tiers and more flounces) before they go out to press the flesh and kiss babies.

Showtime is one of a diverse range of businesses on which the forthcoming election will make an impact, not least because, in total, the parties are set to spend record amounts on their 1997 campaign. Mr Moore expects his turnover this year to be ten times higher.

. Not only will the current n de one of the lot - skirmishes began last summer with the Conservatives' "New Labour, New Danger" posters - but there is a new nig spender in the shape of the Referendum Party, bankrolled by Sir James Goldsmith, who has provided a £20 million

advertising budget.
The business of a UK general election may be small beer alongside the US but, nonetheless, it provides sizeable orders for a range of companies. Given the restriction on spending at local party level, most of the significant buying is atnational level. Once an election is called, each constituen-cy's candidates have to work within an equal budget defined by the size of the local electorate. Typically this may be only about £7,000 to £8,000, the largest proportion of leaflets, but also has to cover

administration costs, whether telephone calls or cups of tea. in 1992 the Tories spent about £10 million on publicity alone. Labour's entire election budget was just under £11 million, and that of the Liberal Democrats £2 million. What is certain is that the largest proportion of the main parties multimillion-pound campaigns is spent on high-profile

poster and press advertising. Last year, according to Regster Meal, the media research group, the Referendum Party spent nearly £3.5 million on press and poster advertising between January and November, outgunning the Conserva-tives' spend of 12.2 million and Labour's £1.5 million

On an advertising spend of at least £10 million for the Conservatives, M&C Saatchi



can look forward to a fi million fee. Advertising agencies usually earn between 10 and 12 per cent of the budget, which means that Bank Hoggins O'Shea, the agency handling the Referendum Party, is also set to net a substan-

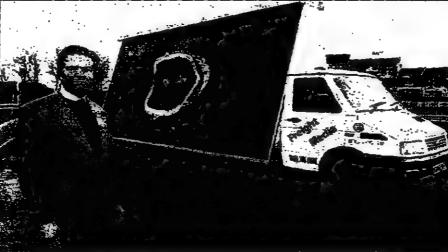
.The high-profile work will also put the creative agency in the spotlight. The former Saatchi and Saatchi agency made its reputation on work for the Conservative Party," says Stefano Hatfield, editor of Campaign, the advertising industry magazine. But there used to be no prestige attached to handling old Labour. Now that it looks as if Labour might win that has changed."

Much attention to date has focused on the Conservative and Labour poster campaigns. The large poster companies, owners of key billboard sites,

are well aware that they hold an important medium for the political message. "It is perceived that outdoor advertisine allows communications in its purest form, unadulterated by other messages," says Michael Higgins, managing director of More O'Ferrall, the poster company.

trong demand, particularly in the final stages of an election campaign, has the effect of hardening the rates that poster companies can charge. But, says Francis Goodwin. managing director of Maiden Group, the importance of an election should not be overplayed. "It does have a positive impact but it is not a gold rush. We have a fixed supply of sites so once they are sold, they are sold, which means demand from political parties may be displacing other advertisers." in addition, elections spell uncertainty, which may affect spending plans by other advertisers. But, says Mr Goodwin, the increasing use of poster sites by the parties does bring other election benefits. "As a soundbite medium, poster campaigns generate a lot of press comment. That has a positive spin-off for us in the

Elections also provide some useful extra business for smaller poster companies like Freight Media, which runs a fleet of mobile poster lorries. Nicholas Lees, the managing director, says that whether it is taking a new poster campaign direct to party headquarters for a photo-call or to key constituencies, political groups use mobile sites to add a tactical spin to campaigns. Alison Holmes, election



Mobile media: Nicholas Lees, whose lorry fleet will spread the political message

iberal Democrats, says that in the last election mobile poster lorries were found to be very effective. "Because we do not have a lot of money it is costly to book poster sites in advance and mobile poster

vans were more flexible Newspaper groups can also count on an election surge in advertising bookings and pol-itical parties are all certain to be paying top rates to get the space they want in a newspaper, say media buyers. Newspapers offer the advantage of access to a wide audience, and short lead-in times, enabling space to be booked at relatively short notice for up-to-the-minute messages to be carried.

But election business, however lucrative, can prove something of a mixed blessing. By definition it is shortlived, and may only be generated in the three weeks up to election

day.
"When an election is called we go berserk," said one market research executive. Once the election clock has started, opinion polls proliferare, with national newspapers, for example, upping the fre-quency of polls reporting from monthly to weekly. MORI, the research group that carries out polls for The Times, will also be conducting exit polls for estimates that in an election year turnover from political polling more than doubles.

Planning can also be a problem while the date of the election is unknown. MEI London-based group, is responsible for designing and managing the election rallies as well as the daily press conferences planned by the Liberal Democrats in the election run-up.

"Once the election date is announced we will have a team on the road looking after three different stage formats for the rallies which will be at 20 venues round the country," explains Richard Dale a director of MEI. "Uncertainty about the date adds an extra dimension to planning, particularly when it comes to book-

For printers the problem is one of manning. You cannot employ people for election work because it is too short term," says Archie Craig, who runs Craig and Stewart Printers in Govan, Scotland. The company's biggest customer is the Scottish National Party, for which it prints much of the party's election literature.

Election work boosts turnover by about 20 per cent. Mr Craig estimates, and there are signs that 1997 is set to be significantly busier. "We usually use two to three tonnes of paper a month, but we will probably treble that in the runup to the election."

Meanwhile, as the nation waits for Mr Major's choice of election day, Mr Moore at Showtime Rosettes is working his way through the grange ribbons. Elections may generate large orders, but with a summer season of dog shows and gymkhanas around the corner, he has his regular customers to consider. He would be much obliged, therefore, if the Prime Minister opts for an early date.



American pie for stodgy Europeans

to make the pie as large as possible so that it gives us

the chance to get all the other things right." Macro-economic policy in the past

few years had been excel-

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This is the intellectual

background to today's meet-ing of the Federal Open Market Committee and to-

morrow's locking of horns between Kenneth Clarke

One of the key indicators of the success of structural

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pistes of Davos, continental European types clad in designer knitwear took stately rides up the funicular railway to the Schatzalp for a long lunch in the mountains. Quaffing good Burgundy, they cans whooped past on fluo-

resount imowboards. There was true excitement and dynamism about American participants in the World Economic Forum debate, something faintly snooty and day-footed about many of their Euro-

pean colleagues. Bill Gates, of Microsoft, and Andrew Grove, of Intel, yesterday picked up one strand of this contrast, warning that Europe was lagging badly in developing new technologies. But Europeans also looked behind the times in the way they run

their economies. The driving spirit of debate was the view that A key indicator of the success of structural change the dynamism of

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of 4.7 per cent kept lower in the fourth quarter debate, America reigned su-(probably exaggerated by export figures that looked too good to be true) but a fall in the implicit price deflator to 1A per cent. In addition, the widely watched employment cost index showed that Wages and salaries mee only ment. For its part, Britain is 0.8 per cent in the fourth quarter, suggesting that

there are still no significant In Britain, Mr Clarke has been so adamant that he doesn't want to raise rates that it makes weary old cynics nervous. There is an argument for giving in to the Bank. The Chancellor could concede a quarter point (not a half), get the Bank to agree publicly that he had done the right thing and that policy was "up with the curve" and remove any doubts about his willingness to sacrifice economic policy on the altar of electibility.

After pouring scorn in Davos on Gordon Brown's as vet unguantified inflation target Mr Clarke would have fun watching the Shadow Chancellor cast around for a reaction to such a "prudent" and nakedly un-political move. On balance, nowever, he may decide that a delicious bit of point scoring is not worth the rise in mortgage rates it would cause and certainly not if the Prime Minister is still flirting with a March election.

Impact of £17bn building society windfalls dismissed too lightly - unless Treasury backs a windfall tax?

Sir, You comment (Pennington, January 15) on the limits to the extent of the consumer boom anticipated in the next year or so. In particular, you nggest that forthcoming building society windfalls will not have a major impact on consumer spending. In support of this thesis, you refer to a survey by Nikko Europe which found that two thirds of the windfalls to come are likely to be saved. I wonder if you are correct to dismiss the impact of building society windfalls so lightly.

From Mr Maurice Fitzpatrick The value of the windfalls from the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester flotations this summer is estimated at £17 billion (Analysis, same

> If a third of this were spent this would add around 66 billion to consumer spending. Suppose this £6 billion were spent over (say) a two-year period. This would be equivalent to the injection, into consumer spending, of a cut of over 15p in the basic rate of income tax for the two-year period concerned.

Coming on top of other

signals (rising real earnings, house prices climbing, and relatively low nominal interest rates) such an injection is surely not insignificant.

Digressing slightly, what price a building society windfall tax? Levied at (say) 15 per cent on what appears to be manna from Heaven, it would (God forbid) be a nice little carner for the Treasury. M. C. FTIZPATRICK, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square,

ACCA is filling a gap with new qualification for accountancy profession From the President of the battleground shifts to educabination of devolved and cen-

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Sir, You published two reactions to ACCA's launch of a new, technicism-level, qualification for the accountancy profession.

Mr Francis Bergin (Business Letters, January 3) refers to ACCA "setting up yet another institute". In fact, ACCA is simply extending its range of examination-based qualifications. ACCA will not be establishing a new membership body, nor do we support the proliferation of accountancy bodies, whether

tion", January 9) that ACCA's move has caused a squabble among the six CCAB bodies. In fact, the Association of Accounting Technicians. which currently provides a technician-level accountancy qualification in the UK, is not a member of CCAB and has little to do with relations between the professional bodies which compromise CCAB's membership.

AAT chose to move away from the examinations-based system that was bequeathed to it by ACCA, towards a system of national vocational qualifitral assessments. In doing so, it left a gap in the market, especially overseas, because many colleges and employers have found the NVQ system too cumbersome and costly. ACCA did not create this gap indeed, as an AAT sponsoring body, we opposed it). In a competitive market, however, we are happy to fill the gap by extending our suite of examinations down a tier, in order to make an examination-based technician level qualification available to all those who

want one Robert Bruce also quotes

pass rates, suggesting that unrealistic expectations are created among overseas students in the interests of revenue. In Singapore (the example cited), ACCA has under 10,000 (not 15,000) students, of whom less than 2,000 are taking the final-level examinations in any given year. About a quarter of these students are successful each year, a pass rate which is far higher than AAT's in Singapore. Yours faithfully

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By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITAIN has become embroiled in a fresh dispute with Europe over industrial aid after UK coal producers said that their way to the German market had been blocked.

Richard Page, the Under Secretary of State responsible for small business, industry and energy. said yesterday that the Government had lobbied the European Commission over German subsidies to its coal industry.

They mean that Germany can significantly undercut UK prices. Several UK companies have said that they have failed to win business from German power stations.

Germany has also been hit with a further com-plaint from the UK to the European Commission over exports of anthracite Britain. Anthracite, which is used largely used for domestic fuel, has been sold in Britain at below production costs, UK coalminers claim.

Mr Page said UK coal producers could easily beat the production costs of other EU producers, but found this competitive ad-vantage nullified by subsidies. "We hope that the German Government and the Commission will address any such unintended distortion of competition."

British coal producers, which also face difficulties because of cheap gas supplies and the strong pound. have tried to win concessions from the Government, but Mr Page has said such appeals are unrealistic.

Germany has faced challenges to its coal subsi-dies before. Several years ago Coal Products, a UK maker of smokeless fuel, mounted legal action that resulted in an out-of-court

The Department of Trade and industry has set up a team to scrutinise the effects of subsidies in European coal markets.



Hamish Bryce, TLG executive chairman, left, and Malcolm Robertson, financial director, saw their shares light up

Alcatel wins support for Thomson CSF bid

ALCATEL ALSTHOM has won key backing from Aérospatiale and Dassault in its struggle with Lagadère to buy Thomson, the French defence electronics group. With Alain Juppe, the Prime

Minister, saying he will give details of the self-off procedure by the end of the month, Alcatel is set to table a joint offer with Aérospatiale and Dassault. themselves undergoing a merger. The Government rejected the telecommunications group's first offer for Thomson before the original privatisation procedure collapsed in December, Alcatel believes that the new defence and aerospace concern's support could be

However, Lagadère remains a strong contender even though France's privatisation commission ignored the Government's advice and turned down the restructure the Franch defence

firm's joint bid with South Korea's Daewoo at the end of last year. Reports in France suggest Lagadère, which owns Matra Defence, could join forces with GEC, although the British company's involvement is likely to awaken hostilty within the French defence establishment.

A consortium formed by Alcatel, Aérospatiale and Dassault would present no such difliculties, with its supporters arguing that it would reinforce France's defence and electronics industries.
Alcatel would provide most

of the cash to buy the State's 58 per cent stake in Thomson; Aérospatiale would transfer in its satellite and missiles business, and Dassault its elec-

These moves would hasten President Chirac's ambition to industry around the merger between Aérospatiale and Dassault. Alcatel would transfer its own defence activities into Thomson CSF to become M Juppé is under pressure to float Thomson in a public sale. the principal shareholder in what would be the world's third-largest such group. However, questions still re-main over the future of Thom-But if he did so, there is speculation that Lagadère would

son Multimedia, Thomson's troubled consumer electronics arm. With Fr14 billion debts, the company excited little interest, apart from that shown by Daewoo, under the original privatisation, and it is unclear whether Alcatel would want to keep control of Thomson Multimedia or sell it on if the joint offer bid was successful.

Analysis say the battle be-tween Lagadere and Alcatel will be determined largely by the privatisation procedure chosen by a government that

barrassed by the failure of its first attempt to sell Thomson. After accusations that his plans for a private placement were hazy and undemocratic,

withdraw. His embarrassment is Illustrated by his delay in settling a question that he wanted to lay to rest by the end of last month. Yesterday, he said: Between now and the end of February we will be in a position to announce very clearly the procedure, which I want to be as clear and as transparent as possible."

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Wassall's 4.1% stake sparks talk of TLG bid

By Sarah Cunningham

WASSALL, the acquisitive mini-conglomerate, has bought a 4.1 per cent stake in TLG, the former Thorn Light-

ing Group. News of the purchase of the 7.5 million shares, carried out over several weeks at a cost of more than £7.5 million, sparked speculation that a takeover of TLG is on the cards. It sent TLG'S shares

13'2p higher to 118p. Fred Watt, finance director of Wassall, said the stake has been bought as an investinvest in the UK and this looked like an interesting investment opportunity," he said. He declined to rule out the possibility of making a bid for TLG, however.

City analysts doubted that an intention to launch a full bid was behind Wassall's purchase. One said the move could be designed to attract an outside predator, or to force management to enhance shareholder value.

TLG issued a profit warning last September, sending its shares down from around 170p to below the 115p price at which the company floated in November 1995. In December It delivered interim pre-tax profits 27 per cent down at £8.3 million. The company said it had been hit by a simultaneous downturn in all its main markets.

Since then, several directors, including Hamish Bryce, the executive chairman, have bought shares. Mr Bryce said yesterday: "This is a strong, focused company, with a clear strategy."

Shares in Wassall rose 7 ap

to 326p. The company has made several major acquisitions over the past five years and Chris Miller, chief executive, said last September that the company was "in an excellent position to finance acquistion and investment opportunities".

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Sema pays £27m for **BR Business System**

SEMA is paying £27 million for BR Business System (BRBS), giving the Anglo-French computer services group its fourth transport computer infrastructure business in Europe. The deal, which Sema says will enhance its earnings, gives the group a 65 per cent share of the £135 million market in providing railway operators with computer systems to

manage timetables, ticket issuing and asset management. Sema will inherit all 1,100 of BSBR's workers, taking its UK staff to 5.100. The group said that it would use the company to win contracts in the bus and air industries, after the success of similar contracts in France, Spain and The Netherlands. BRBS has assets of £13.2 million, and turned over £87 million in the year to March 31. Sema was named as preferred bidder for BRBS last week, beating Andersen Consulting, EDS and Cap Gemini. The group has settled the deal in cash and says the acquisition will enhance earnings in the first year. Sema shares closed 10p off, at £10.9212, yesterday.

Midland acquisition

MIDLAND Independent Newspapers, the regional newspaper company that owns the Birmingham Post and Coventry Evening Telegraph, yesterday bought the Hinckley Times, a weekly newspaper in Leicestershire that has been published since 1889. The price was not disclosed, but it was published since 1889. The price was not disclosed, but it was thought to be small. The newspaper has net assets of only £1.7 million and a circulation of about 16,500. Midland is also buying John Baxter and Sons (Hinckley) Ltd, an associated general printing and stationery business.

Rolls-Royce order

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aerospace group, has received an order from South African Airways for engines to power an additional two Boeing 747-400 jumbos for the airline in a deal worth about £50 million. The new aircraft, due to be delivered in May and October 1998, have been ordered to meet increased passenger traffic between South Africa and the US. The RB2if family has accumulated almost 74 million service hours and sirlines around the world currently operate 155 RB211-524 powered jumbos on a range of long haul routes.

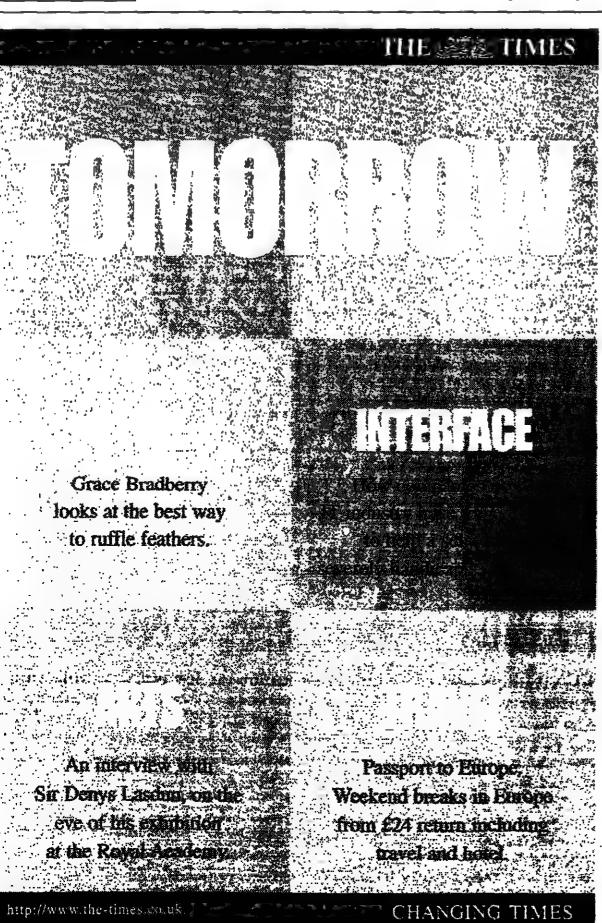
Litho buys Muromail

LITHO SUPPLIES, the supplier of printing and graphic arts products, is paying £2.2 million for Muromail, which supplies binding systems, laminating equipment and signmaking products. Muromail, based at Weston-super-Mare, earned pre-tax profits of £333,153 in the year to September 30, on sales of £4.8 million. Net assets were £690,625 at September 30. The purchase price is payable over two years, with £1.6 million to be paid on completion and £600,000 12 months later.

ISA expands in France

ISA INTERNATIONAL, the European distributor of branded computer consumable products, has made two acquisitions to expand in France. It is acquiring ASDV SA, a distributor of computer products based near Parls, for El-23 million. In its last financial year ASDV earned pre-tax profits of El89,700 on turnover of El6 million. ISA has also acquired Medias Systèmes, based in Bordeaux, which earned pre-tax profits of £298,800 on sales of £7.3 million in the last financial year.

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Plan your computer purchase with care

SMALL businesses rush into buy-ing computer equipment and soft-ware without proper consideration of what they need, according to research by Barclays Bank. As a result, three quarters of the businesses feel their information technology systems are not providing a return on the investment.

Barclays says small businesses do not give their investment in IT the same priority as other business investments and rarely take a systematic approach when select-ing an IT supplier. This could be because nine out of ten small businesses complain that the IT industry is poor at explaining the benefits and many owner-managers prefer to turn to friends and family for information and advice.

Once purchased, IT is rarely used to full advantage. A major reason is a lack of investment in training. Nearly half the businesses that spend up to £10,000 on IT provide no training for staff. David Lavarack, small business services director at Barclays, advises: ☐ Systematically compile a list of

prospective suppliers.

Discuss the ambitions of your business with your supplier so solutions for the future as well as the present can be provided.

Do not buy equipment that might soon be out of date. Consider

leasing as an option. ☐ Think beyond the initial cost and take into account maintenance,

training and upgrading.

Train your staff to make the most of your investment.

☐ Try not to see computers as just a replacement for manual work. Look for ways in which they can add real value to your business.

Mill owner spins a good yarn all the way to US

By VERONICA HEATH

The Elliot clan in Selkirk has been in the textile business for generations. Andrew Elliors company is one of the last traditional weaving mills on the Borders using hand-operated looms as opposed to high-speed weaving machines.

Mr Elliot said 1996 was a very good year. "Our turnover is over £300,000 and my son and daughter have now joined the business. Because of the flexibility of our old looms, we do short runs of highclass fabrics designed to customers" specific requirements."

After service in the Royal Navy, Mr Elliot joined Wilson and Glennie of Hawick as an apprentice designer in 1947. During the 1950s he worked as a designer for Irish Worsted Mills and then set up as a design consultant, travelling and meeting costomers in Europe

and America for 13 years.
In the early 1970s he formed A.
Elliot (Fine Fabrics) Ltd. "I always
wanted my own business and the opportunity arose to buy machinery from a mill closing down in Galashiels and acquire vacant premises in Selkirk," Mr Elliot said, "That was my kick-off. Spinning yarn is in the Elliot blood. In this mill we can produce a multitude of textures and colours, gents and ladies suitings, assorted throws and travel rugs, capes, scarves, woollens and worsteds for

wholesale and retail customers. "In early 1996, we began manufacturing the official Hawick tartan followed by the Selkirk tartan. These cloths and plaids are produced in a variety of weights and



tartans are now big business." Mr Ellion's wife has a cousin in Vermont in the US. He said: "She suggested that I design and weave a Vermont plaid. I did and it sells very well in America, where she markets it for us."

Another of the mill's ranges consists of made-to-order limited edition tweed jackets designed by a Borders woman, Anna Baker-Cresswell, and selling as the Fast

Mr Elliot says: "Anna came in looking at tweeds. As it happened I

keeper tweeds. Anna and my daughter, Vivian, put their heads together. Fast Lane has a limited number of jackets made in each design of tweed up to a maximum of 40. Each jacket has a label inside with its own number so they are exclusive. They are selling well."

A. Elliot (Fine Fabrics) at Forest Mill, Selkirk, now employs 12 fulltime staff. It buys its yarns from local spinners and the cloth finishing is done by a local company. We have nine weavers, including the men who do the warping work," said Mr Elliot. "Vivian

secretary three years ago and in June 1996 my son, Robin, joined the company after graduating from the Scottish College of Textiles with an honours degree in textiles and marketing. We plan to take the business into the 21st century on the principle of creating innovative new fabrics utilising the traditional assets of our company."

The weaving business operates from a fine listed building which dates from 1838. There is a factory shop, the ambience of which is greatly enhanced by the sound of the clacking hand-operated looms

Move to boost British and Polish trade

By BRIAN COLLECT

to boost trade between small businesses in Britain and Poland.

Polish Business Offers, a private enterprise magazine that reports on economic developments in Poland to stimulate trade, has joined forces with the 2,000-member Home Business Alliance to inform a wider circle of small companies about the opportunities.

The magazine is giving a free disk with data on 1,000 Polish business contacts to alliance members who subscribe, along with discounted subscription and adver-

Arkadiusz Marczewski, who publishes the magazine, believes British small businesses have been slow to see the potential of trading with Poland since the fall of communism in 1989, although about 200 large companies have

invested in the country. He said about 60 million Germans visited Poland annually, many on day shopping trips, compared with 200,000 Britons

AN INTTIATIVE has been launched although Warsaw is only about two hours from London by air.

Western goods are in demand, he said, while Poland specialises in copper products, furniture and other timber goods, glass, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators and computers.

One of Poland's biggest business attractions is the cost of labour, Mr Marczewski said. "Companies can have their manufacturing done in Poland by skilled labour that is 70 per cent cheaper than in Britain," he added. "Some companies can save £20,000 or £30,000 a year in this way."

Another important role that Poland can play is as a link for trade between Britain and the whole of Eastern Europe, he said. For more information call Polish Business

Offers (0701-0700 222).

☐ Exchange trips with Latvia are being planned by Business Coordination, an accountancy, IT support and business services company in Kingston upon Thames, southwest London. For more information call 0181-546 5315.

Forum makes tax plea

THE first year of self-assessment should be penalty-free for independent businesses, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has been told. The case was made by the Forum of Private Business after it found that more than a quarter of businesses do not know their responsibilities under the new tax

A survey of 2,088 owner-managers found that awareness was lowest among smaller business owners. More than a third of those employ-

ing up to four staff were unaware of their responsibilities. Nearly half believed that their recom-keeping was inadequate for self-assessment. The forum said this confirmed its argument that the new system would create extra work and

costs for small businesses. Stan Mendham, forum chief executive, said: "The low level of awareness of employers' responsibility indicates that many incorrect returns will be made to the Inland Revenue, creating extra costs of reworking figures and penalty



"It's a pity the numbers on this never change"

Midland Bank is testing a business telephone banking service in the West Country and Wales. The service will be run from Midland's customer care centre, which is open from 8am to 8pm during the week and from Sam to Jom on Saturdays. The pilot is operating in Bristol and Gloucester and will

□ UKTrade, expected to become the world's first virtual business park, will enable exporting com-

panies to conduct commerce on the

be extended to the Bridgend area

Internet when it goes live in March. A directory of UK com-panies will have links to Web sites, so potential customers can e-mail inquiries. The project, targeting small and medium-sized enterprises, is part of the Information Society Initiative Programme for Business. Tel: 0181 565 7998.

☐ An information technology di-

duced by Kingston Chamber of Commerce in southwest London, offering a day's free consultancy to member businesses that want advice on matters such as which equipment to buy and how to upgrade. The service is funded by Kingston College's computing and IT department, the Royal Borough of Kingston and The Decisions Group, the telemarketing agency. Details: 0181-296 9595.

A comprehensive scheme offering domestic and business insurance for home-based businesses has been set up by a consultant who encountered problems when he started to work from home. Homeworkers Insurance Services, of Cranbrook, Kent, has produced the Insider package, underwritten at Lloyd's, that includes public liability, loss of personal and

business money and legal ex-penses, and which can also be tailored to individual needs. Nick Fresson, of Homeworkers insurance Services, said: "I found there was no easy way of obtaining all the insurance cover I needed." Details: 0800 387168.

A guide to help failing com-panies to stay in business has been produced on disk by a London

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company of chartered accountants. The disk is free from the MacDonald Partnership, which claims to be Britain's leading specialist in company voluntary arrangements, under which businesses can avoid insolvency or receivership by measures such as gradual debt settlement or giving creditors equity in place of pay-ment. Bill Jackson, MacDonald's business development director, said: The biggest problem is that many owners do not like to admit they are in trouble." Contact: 0171-

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Carmen comes to Kensington: Ralph Koltai prepares to build Seville at the Albert Hall



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Ralph Koltai: "We need to find ways in drama and dance of moving into the 21st century. There is a great lagging behind in opera"

Blood and sex by the bucketful

Hall last year, the event attracted huge numbers and ruffled nearly as many feathers. Here was opera on the grand scale, aking place for a mixed audience in the nation's most cavernous village hall. For the purists, how ever, this was a vulgar and bombastic affair, playing (brazenly, because of sound amplification) to

Can you make opera in such a place and on such a scale? Gubbay's latest project is a production of Bizer's Carmen, again at the Albert Hall, and it falls to a different creative team to resolve the question. There is every sign that this time the production will respond elegantly. The director is Frank Dunlop, whose long experi-ence includes a period as director of the Edinburgh Pestival. And the designer — the man responsible for giving shape to the Albert Hall's

airy spaces — is Ralph Koltai.
This, at least, is guarantee of a certain artistic quality. Koltai is now one of the elder statesmen of international stage design. He came to England from its native Hungary when he was 13, and still speaks with an accent larded with the timbres of Central Europe. "I have a certain cosmopolitan nature in me which is quite helpful," he agrees. But I consider myself lucky that I've had my career in this country, where I was brought up with a sense of integrity to the work that I do." He has designed more than 200 productions around the world, and his string of credits reaches back to 1950.

When were Koltai's halcyon days? In the Soxies, perhaps, when he dashed from the Royal Shakespeare Company to America to Australia, developing his artfully bold style? Or the Severnies, when he designed his resoundingly inventive Ring for English National Opera? Or perhaps the Eighties when, as associate designer of the RSC, he worked on a series of significant productions, fitting in operas and musicals as he went? Or are his best years still ahead, as he embarks on projects in different continents with no apparent loss of

Andy Lavender

talks to the

designer who has to fill the Albert Hall with Carmen

The only reason for going on is to try to see whether you can discover something new," he says. "Mostly you don't, but every now and then you do. With Carmen I was working in a different environment - such a huge space - and it allowed me to find something different." Kohai's design for this production is characteristically evocative. The façade of a Latin building towers up at the back, overlooking an arena bounded by a walkway. The shapes and proportions are rounded rather than sharply delineated, and the colours -warm yellows and oranges - are

vibrant and inviting.
"What is Carmen about? Sexual jealousy, heat, passion, blood," Koltai explains, "The heat quality is evoked through the colours I've used. And I took advantage of the height, because you can be more truthful in the relationship between the human figure and the architec-ture. If you take an average theatre, the proscenium cut-off is normally about 24 feet, so if you put up a piece of architecture it can never be more than about 22 feet high. whereas the Albert Hall is enormously tall. But it does have huge architectural distractions, in that you look at the people sitting on the opposite side of the acting space to you. So I've tried to create a structure which is a little bit more overwhelming,"

If that makes the designer seem cupied with large visual statements, Koltai would have you think again. "In all theatre the fundamental necessity is to help the performer to feel at ease in the space in which he is performing." he says. "The greatest compliment I can ever have for the work is when

I have it from the actor." Not that the audience is far from Koltai's mind. "I think the spirit of Raymond Gubbay's ideas - bringing in a wider public — is excellent, "Koltai affirms. "And I do believe that we need to find ways in drama and dance of moving into the 21st century. There is a great lagging behind in opera, especially. There is far too much 19th-century opera being presented in a 19th-century attitude. The more we can develop the art form, the better."

Spoken like a free spirit. Koltai has always been abreast of the times. He was one of the earliest champions of the "concept" production, for instance, enlivening old pieces through imaginative new treatments. That said, he uses unfashionable words like "imegrity" and "honesty" a lot when discussing his artistic philosophy. From the uncluttered lounge of his Soho flat he explains that expres-sive design, in his book, is not a question of showing off. "I'm in favour of concept productions only when they're not wilful and selfindulgent. To have a concept which is simply a piece of self-advertise-ment is unacceptable. We are in a period where promoting yourself is very much the in thing. That is the nature of our society at the moment, it has lost some of its honesty in approaching the arts. It's no doubt temporary.

oltai himself is moving on, partly by looking back. He is organising a retrospective of his work which will be shown in Holborn towards the end of the year. The RSC is rebuilding the set he designed for a production of Baal, and costumes and other materials are being sent by museums in Japan and America. The international traffic is two-way, as Koitai is soon to design a production of Timon of Athens in Chicago and a new play in Copenhagen. An international artist, then - but with a distinctive, individual stamp? "I think it is probably a simplification, a stylisation, and my commitment to trying to find a metaphor for the work," Koltai answers. "But I don't want people to come out and sing the setting that I've devised. I hope they've enjoyed the evening and that I have

Carmen is at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) from Thursday to Feb 15

Keep quiet, ENO, and stay put

Rodney Milnes says that until the climate shifts in favour of opera, the Coliseum is a good enough home

ow that the dust has settled over the up-roar caused by the KPMG leasibility study into the future of ENO and the Coliseum, the time may be ripe for a cooler look at the issues involved. For those with short memories, the study recommended the building of a brand new, 2.100-seat opera house on an as yet unspecified site at the cost of around \$100 million (to be funded largely from the lottery), and reactions

in the media were almost

universally hostile, to an exspawned it. It concentrated on management and theoretical tent that may (but shouldn't)

The 66-page summary was a curiously unsatisfactory document, as devoid of historical or cultural context as the Stevenson report (1995) into the provision of lyric theatre in London that preceded and

audience needs, while ignorhave surprised the ENO ing those of singers, players, and indeed the art form itself. Un peu d'histoire, as they say in the Michelin guides. ENO is Britain's oldest surviving opera company, founded by Lilian Baylis — the nearest we have come to a Diaghilev and ripe for canon-isation — in the early years of the century and settling at Sadler's Wells February 14[17[20]28

in 1931. When the johnny-come-lately Covent Garden Opera Com-pany was faunched ex-actly 50 years ago, also performing in English, Sadier's Wells Opera soldiered on with a good mixture of standard repertoire and daring extensions thereto unknown Verdi (Don Carlos. Boccanegra). and the then unheard-of Janáček. In 1965 the company was promised a new home on the South Bank, to be shared with the National Theatre: Denys Lasdun's impressive designs survive for all to see. This plan was killed off in the corridors of

rists still speculate about the guilty parties. Hence the Coliseum. Deprived of its promised home the management took a lease on the prime West End site of the Coliseum in 1968, with the full support of the Arts Council. There were drawbacks the Coliseum is not too friendly to young singers, and its acoustics can be tricky. But the greatest anomaly was the existence of two opera houses with capacities of more than 2,000 within a few hundred yards of each other, playing reper-toires, albeit in different languages, that in the 1970s and

1980s overlapped by as much

For a while opera-company dynamics minimised the diffi-culties, yet the problem of two opera houses of the same size serving the capital would not go away, and the birth and development of regional com-panies intensified it. Not only are the London houses too big for Mozart, Rossini and all

earlier opera, but visitors to

Dennis Marks should have faith in his achievements at the Coliscum

power, and conspiracy theo Cardiff, Glasgow and Leeds start to notice that all save a few Wagner and "big" Verdi operas work far better in the size of theatre for which they were written - say, 1,200-1,500. And there is a whole swath of repertory that for reasons of economy and scale cannot be staged at the big London houses.

This is what might be called the Volksoper or opera-comique repertory, mention of which drives the current ENO bosses into a frenzy of paranota - they imagine they are about to be exiled to a municipal theatre in Neasden to perform Merrie England. They shouldn't be so negative. the Vienna Volksoper reper-

Widow to The Flery Angel - nothing wrong with that and London audiences are being deprived of little master-pieces like Mireille (which predictably died the death at the Coliseum) or Nicolai's Merry Wives of Windsor.

So what London needs is a Glyndebourne-sized theatre (1.200) to unlock the curboard marked repertury. But "opera" will remain a dirty word until someone challenges the tabloidisation of our culture, and the ROH's lottery

grant will be the last to opera for five or more years. Did ENO not realise this when it made such a noise last So what should it do? Mention of a suitably sized, about-to-be refur-

male lead from alto castrato to bished theatre not a million miles from Rosebery Avenue would provoke further para-noia. No, ENO should keep jolly quiet, in case some cultural commissar has the bright idea of bagging the Coliseum for dance and turning ENO out. Around E7 million will have to be found to make the Coliseum safe. The possibility of expanding northwards, and thus

and rehearsal facilities, should be examined much more closely. Remember that 60 per cent of Coliseum andiences come from outside the capital, that it is on a direct Tube line to all but one of the mainline stations, and rejoice it really is a prime site.

improving technical

But mainly the manage-ment should take heart from its own achievements. Under Dennis Marks it has turned round a poor box-office record: it has tackled the crucial matter of diction: a talented new musical director, Paul Daniel, is coming aboard; the Royal Opera is about to go walkabout for three years. Keep jolly quiet, get on with A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with the Radio 3 programme

GLUCICS ORFSO ED EURIDICE Reviewed by Julian Budden BEFORE the revival of inter-

est in the Baroque repertoire from Monteveroi to Handel it was always taken for granted that the earliest full-length opera capable of holding the modern stage was Gluck's acione teatrale per musica based on the famous Oroheus legend, the first of his so-called "reform" operas, written for Vienna in 1762. Twelve years later he rewrote it in a French text for Paris as a "tragédie lyrique" in the tradition of Lully and Rameau, adding extra numbers to fill out the

evening and changing the

high tenor ("haut contre"). In a highly idiosyncratic version of the opera made for the great mezo-soprano, Pauline Viadot Garcia, in 1859 Berliot restored the original pitches. His example was followed by the publishing house of Ricordi who in 1889 produced an edition of the Paris score of 1774 with text translated into Italian. And this is the version that we usually hear in the theatre, shorn of some of the concluding dances.

Generally speaking, in 18thcentury opera the first, unre-vised editions are best fin the 19th century the opposite is true). The trouble is that the Paris score of *Orjeo*, like Mozart's revised Don Giovanue of 1788, contains new music of such beauty that we can hardly bear to do without

Among the various permutations and combinations to be found on the 18 recordings currently available (some in Italian, some in French, one in German) I would recommend to those who wish to experience the sum of Gluck's thinking on the subject the version conducted by Raymond Leppard (Erato 2292-45864-2 2-CD), with a splendid Orfeo in Dame Janet Baker and the dances brilliantly rendered by



the London Philharmonic Or-

But if you want the opera in all its pristine freshness f would point you to a perior-

mance of the original Vienna score by John Eliot Gardiner (Philips 434 093-2, 2-CD. £30.99), played on period instruments and boasting in Derek Lee Ragin a male "falsettist" probably as near to a genuine castrato as we shall

Should you want the Berlioz version for its curiosity value. I would indicate the same conductor with the Lyons Opera Orchestra (EMI CDS 7 49834-2, 2-CD). For me his touch with Gluck never fails.

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■ VISUAL ART I

In the pink: the National Gallery mounts a rewarding show of the young Gainsborough



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while Brian Yale, at the age of 60, makes his West End debut with a collection of cool landscapes



■ VISUAL ART 4

.. and the influence of Maltese geology can be seen in Paul Stevenson's latest paintings



A Modelli



Mr and Mrs Andrews, one of the highlights of the National Gallery's exhibition: "Gainsborough's fervent response to the Suffolk countryside gives this outstanding canvas its ability to delight"

The freshness and doll-like charm of Gainsborough's early portraits may tempt us to imagine that he was a simple country lad, astonishingly precocious yet unsophisticated After all, he grew up in sequestered Sudbury, and his youthful view of Cornard Wood suggests that he was happiest when painting the Suffolk landscape familiar to him since

The truth, however, is far removed from such a myth. Without labouring the point, the National bition discloses that its contents were in no sense the work of an untutored provincial. Gainsborough's unusual gifts ensured that, ar the age of 13, he was sent to London. Although attached at first to a silversmith, he soon became a pupil of the virtuoso French artist Hubert Gravelot, whose Rococo style helped to revolutionise English taste in the. 1740s. The teacher's vitality surely stimulated the young Gainsborough, and his debt to French art has

But a confident painting of the bull terrier Bumper, executed when he was only 18, proves that his debt to Dutch art was even greater. The deftly summarised landscape behind the animal is influenced by Jan. Wijnants, and the National Gallery. clinches the connection by display ing a newly cleaned painting by this skilful Dutch artist from its own collection. Even Gainsborough's drawings, seemingly so effortless in their response to trees, mossy banks, pools and plants, view the English countryside with the help of . foreign artists' eyes. A deft black chalk study of burdock leaves may appear the outcome of a chance

been underestimated.

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the National Gallery's Gainsborough show

The gentrification of a boy from the country

encounter on a rural ramble, but it relies very heavily on similar images by Wijnants.

Even so, too much can be made of influence-spotting. Once all the links with continental prototypes have been established, it is worth stressing that Gainsborough turned them all to individual account. His painting of Bumper announces a love of does that runs as a quite personal motif throughout the show. In Cornard Wood they appear in several places, sleeping near a man binding a bundle of branches, nuzzling a young woman's flank, padding behind a traveller and glimpsed only in hind-

quarters on a winding path. Gainsborough could not resist including canine companions in many of his portraits as well. A dog lans water beside the artist himself. as he flaunts a crimson waistcoat beside his tilted wife and alarmingly mals lie beside Mr and Mrs Kirby, or sniff devotedly at John Plampin as he leans with languorous elegance against a tree trunk. The dogs add an engaging note of informality to portraits already seeking escape from an excess of posed stiffness. Plampin's remarkably relaxed legs derive from a Watteau portrait of Antoine de la Roque, who had been wounded by a cannon-ball at the battle of Malplaquet. The injury led Watteau to paint his friend with one leg projecting rigidly in the air. But Gainsborough changed the pose into a far more insouciant affair. letting Plampin rest his left leg on a grassy hillock while the other dangles down to touch the earth below.

This search for spontaneity, epitomised by the portrait of a young man who raises one hand in an impulsive gesture as he talks to his pretty companion, is matched by Gainsborough's handling of paint. Even in a careful early picture, Wooded Landscape with Peasant Resting, the conscientious treatment of foliage is suddenly enlivened by a flash of simlight on a distant cornfield. The brushstrokes loosen here, to enhance the drama of this transient break in an otherwise overcast sky.

But Gainshorough's mark-making really takes on a sprightliness of its own when he turns his attention to women's clothes. The pink dress worn by the lady in Conversation in a Park is brushed in with breathtaking fluency. Captivated by the sheen of light on silk, he discovers a deft way of letting the pigment dance, slide, wriggle and flash on the surface of the material. It is a consummate performance for an artist no more than 21 years old. Gainsborough already had a more instinctive and supple feeling for the expressive possibilities of paint than his future rival, Reynolds, would

ever command. This exhibition reveals a young man intoxicated by his own mercurial agility with the brush, nowhere more seductively than in the thin white material fizzing like waterspray down the centre of his wife's dress. It seems to have been painted in a rush of excitement, and ends up conveying the very pulse of his feeling for a woman he had recently married in a clandestine ceremony. The illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Beaufort, who gave her an through a glade in Gainsborough's most amorous pencil drawing. Her dress rises up, as if in resoonse to the attentions of her companionpressing in from the side, and discloses a pair of alluring ankles. sensual English artist of this period, and his irrepressible libido gives this show its remarkable vivacity. ometimes his apparent ease

gives way to awkwardness. and we sense the struggles he must have experienced. To judge by the imperuous knifeslashes tearing through the canvas in an unfinished Landscape with Peasants, Gainsborough abandoned the painting in a rage.

As for the double portrait of Mr and Mrs Carter, it suffers from Gainsborough's inability to find the right proportions for the figures. The genial old man, in elaborate wig resplendent black-and-gol waistcoat, was clearly larger in build than his stern, blanched wife. But she has shrunk to a disconcertingly small size, exposing all too

well Gainsborough's habit of work-

ing out compositions with the aid of

He was far happier when painting the Carters' daughter Frances, seated on a bench with her husband in nearby attendance. The result, Mr and Mrs Andrews, is the most winning of all 18th-century English portraits. This time, Gainsborough had no problem with the proportions of the two figures. The teenage wife appears a trille thushed and petulant as she gazes out from lowered lids. But since she inherited not infer that she was discontented in marriage. The radiance of her sky-blue satin dress, the most exquisite passage of painting to be found in Gainsborough's early work, gives the young woman an airborne

Everything about Mr Andrews exudes squirearchical assurance. Unsmiling he may be, but the wellcultivated acreage taking up such a substantial part of the picture suggests how gratified Mr Andrews must feel when surveying the additional estate he had acquired through marriage.

In the end, though, Gainsborough's fervent response to the Suffolk countryside gives this outstanding canvas its ability to delight. Equally adept at defining the newly harvested corn-sheaves with close-up precision, and summar-ising the fugitive play of sunlight on a distant hillside, he asserts here more persuasively than before that landscape painting would play a major role in the rest of his career.

Young Gainsborough runs at the National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until March 31. Sponsored by British Land

Seeking moral asylum

century a young woman who let her family down by becoming pregnant with-out the preliminary of wedlock could be locked away in a lunatic asylum. A sympathetic doctor — sympathetic, that is, to the family's desire to sweep anything untoward under the nearest carpet - would de-clare the errant female a "moral imbecile" and away incarcerated for 50 years, and the fate of such women is the inspiration for this play by Charlotte Jones, a co-founder of the Sweet Desserts Theatre.

The company takes its name from the intriguing Lucy Ellmann novel it adapted and staged a few years back. Jones was involved in that production, as co-writer and perform-

THEATRE

Airswimming BAC, SWII

players in this latest work. I held high hopes for the production but was disappointed. The set designed by Kirsty Twaddle is a brilliant white and contains an empty bath, a short flight of steps and a door painted with the view of a springtime wood. These three items are for cleaning, for polishing, and for never being able to open, because the room

is in St Dymphna's Hospital

for the Criminally Insane. One day in 1924 Persephone (Rosie Cavaliero) arrives. She believes she is there for a short convalescence and is reluctant to say much to Dora (Jones), who has already been cleaning and polishing for two years. Porph, as she is later called, has had a baby; why Dora has been confined is never revealed but presumably relates to her wish to disguise herself brothers into the army.

So there they are, and there they stay, and changes of lighting shoot us between the 1920s and the 1970s with occasional pauses in between. We learn nothing of what goes on elsewhere, except that somehow Porph gets to see the films of Doris Day, whose life, voice and happy philosophy come to obsess her.

The obsession also brings about a change of diction from polite and pure-voweller to pafish and offish. No reason is given for this, nor why the performances, directed by Anna Mackmin, should incorporate no signs of ageing. Moreover, nobody in 1924 said 'Feel free" or talked of nutters and taking your finger out. Gradually the situation floats

away from reality. What the play is intended to show never becomes clear. Its 80 minutes are a long preliminary to something that never

JEREMY KINGSTON

THE Swiss painter Richard Colours murals, far indeed

intellectually disciplined of painters. All his work was based on a mathematical theory of colour, designed to eliminate. subjectivity from his works. But the best thing to do is to forget the hows and whys, and just wallow. Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering Street, WI (0171-629 7578). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-lpm, to March 1.

☐ ANIMALS always were Elsie Henderson's artistic

tion. And yet, ironically, obsession, and between the Lohse was one of the most wars she was famous internationally for her skill in evoking, especially, the big cats. The finest of the drawings in the current show at Sally Hunter are, indeed, decidedly fierce, though as many of the pieces are connected with Henderson's London Zoo poster of 1917, the gentler creatures are also leatured for the faint-hearted. The show is interesting, too, from a technical point of view, since a whole section is devoted to lithographic proofs for vari-

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allowance of £200 a year, she is

probably the woman tripping

ous parts of the poster, indicating the care with which the final complex image was built

Sally Hunter Fine Art, 13 Halkin Arcade, Motcomb Street, SWI (0171-235 0934). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, until

☐ IF. YOU are not familiar with the name of Brian Yale that is perfectly understand-

age of 60 before achieving a solo West End show. This must have more to do with his modest and retiring nature than with the quality of his art. Also, perhaps, with the his most prominent work in London is a 120-metre frieze of laser-cut metal at the Prince Regent station in Docklands. His paintings are mostly in a

graphic style, haunting in their clarity and directness. But there are also crossover works which incorporate paintings into assemblages of objets trouvés from pebble beaches in a personal way. Wolseley Fine Arts, Gallery ZI, ZI Cork Street, WI (017)-734 7595). Mon-Fri 11amom, Sat Ham-3pm, until Feb 22.

□ EFFECTS of superimposition figure prominently in Paul suitably cool, quasi-photo-

Parkin. Here, however, it is more important as an idea behind the paintings than as a part of the painting process itself. What interests Stevenson is the feeling of history built into a place or a building, an almost telepathic awareness that these stones have lived a life of their own. which somehow vibrates in the mind of the visitor. This latest group of paintings. shown to mark the artist's seventieth birthday, is inspired by a visit two years ago Malta, and the megalithic

structures of the island. The influence of Ben Nicholson is evident, though the work is far from derivative. Stevenson trained as an architect. and it shows in the strong sense of underlying structure, giving substance to these delicate evocations of a world remote vet strangely familiar. Motcomb Street, SWI (0171-235 8144). Daily 10am-6pm. until Friday.

> JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Paul Lohse (1902-1988) was the Matisse of abstractionists. The first thing that strikes one in Annely Juda's retrospective is the extraordinary vibrancy of the colours which inhabit these meticulous rectangles and bands. In the catalogue there is a photograph of an unwelcoming canteen in Zurich, where the whole effect is lightened and warmed by one Lohse's Complementary from the Calvinistic austerity of most geometrical abstrac-

fact that he is better known as a sculptor than as a painter:

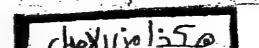
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A daily guide to arts and emurationed compiled by Mark Hargie

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LEICESTER Second stop for the renowned Are Dance Company's spring four. On the programme, chareographed by the company's arishe director furn Brandstrup, is Let Noces and Garden of Joys and Sorrows — both new works — as well as the award-winning Orico See review, not, they are Three Bassan Cale (0116-253 9797) Tengint, 7 30pm (2) MAICHESTER: As part of the celebrity recital series at the cay's new concert venue, the outstanding young mezzy-soprano Geoffe Berholl performs a programme explaining the

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ore than 50 years separate the scores for Arc Dance Company's two new works, which had their premiere on Saturday as the opening performance of the Swan Dance 97 lestival. Both are by Russian

inspiration at their core, the wonder is that the resulting Kim Brandstrup ballets have turned out so much alike.

Garden of Joys and Sorrows uses the 1960 score by Solia Gubai-High Wycombe dulina, a spare and melancholic piece of writing which provides the austere aural landscape

for the island of Naxos, where Ariadne is abandoned by her beloved Theseus and is consoled by Bacchus. The garden evoked by Brandstrup's choreography, and particularly by the Maenads and Satyrs who inhabit it, is a creepy place: soothing one minute, disturbing the next.

Joanna O'Keeffe's agitated Ariadne floats through their configurations, her mourning played out in flighty, lan-guid phrases which are often repeated even though they fall to develop an additional significance. The ensemble is effectively positioned to interact with the soloists, but there is a serious ambiguity to the narrative, and the motives and actions of Theseus and Bacchus (despite good performances from Andrew Titcombe and Marcus Green) are too easily confused.

Almost 75 years ago Stravinsky's Les. Noces announced itself as an extraordinarily powerful piece of modern music, almost cold-bloodedly determined to strip the wedding ritual of its civilised pretence - and the bride of her romantic illusions. When Bronislava Nijinska choreographed Les Noces for Diaghilev, the elemental force of her creation gave birth to a masterpiece of

20th-century dance. This is Brandstrup's DANCE second stab at Les Noces: he made his first version 12 years Arc Dance ago. Unlike Nijinska's Swan, peasants, Brand-

> guests and partici-pants — Sasha Keir's costumes suggesting a move up the social ladder - are unlikely to reveal themselves with the primitive bulk that defined the original. On a stage devoid of decoration, their choreography app-ears pallid and economical, perhaps even more so than Brandstrup

strup's wedding

An insufficiency of mass hovers over the work's physical language, while a diffusion of energy in the movement sits uncomfortably alongside the urgency of Stravinsky's score. Like Garden of Joys and Sorrows, the choreography is fluid but faint-hearted, lyrical but lean. But also like Garden of Joys and Sorrows, Les Noces is enhanced by a fine cast of committed actor-dancers, especially O'Keeffe as the Bride and Mark Ashman as the Bride's father.



DEBRA CRAINE Marcus Green (Bacchus) in Brandstrup's Garden of Joys and Sorrows

POP: Fairport Convention celebrate three decades of stirring folk-rock; Placebo are the real thing

Old folk at home

Fairport Convention Festival Hall

THE thirtieth anniversary concert? It seemed improbable, but we counted the candles on the birthday cake, and it is indeed three decades since Fairport Convention came to be -- who knows where the time goes, as the late Sandy Denny once sang.

The Fairports are synonymous with British folk-rock. They invented it and have kept it alive ever since. There have been lean times, particularly after the punk explosion. But somewhere the Fairports found their second wind: last year they played 150 gigs and the band are celebrating their birthday with a tour of 35 appearances in as

The word "institution" is hard to avoid: guitarist Simon Nicol survives from the original 1967 line-up and drummer Dave Manacks and bassist

Dave Pegg have been ever-present since 1969.

But time has taken its toll. The Fairport trademark of traditional songs reinvented in an electric idiom no longer sounds revolutionary. They have never replaced Denny, which has left them vocally limited. A distinctive individual voice is required to sustain interest through a ballad such as Matty Groves, with its 20-plus verses, and Nicol's sombre style does not provide it. Only violinist Ric Sanders, a comparative new boy with a mere !! years in the band, seems to have any concept of showmanship.

Still, this was a party and it would be harsh to dwell upon the criticisms. Mattacks and Pegg are the most solid of rhythm sections and, musically, traditional material such as Groves and The Bowman's Retreat are still invigorating. The band long ago lost their songwriters in Denny and Richard Thompson, which has forced them to seek out fresh writing talent. Among the finds has been Times journalist Alan Franks, whose Wishfulness Waltz, with its intelligent lyrics and lilting gentleness, offered a splendid new take on the genre.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Molko does you good

Placebo Junction, Cambridge

A YEAR ago, Placebo were struggling. Now they can point to a Top Ten single (Nancy Boy), a much-praised debut album and a guest spot at David Bowie's 50th birthday party in Madison Square Garden.

The key to Placebo's rise has been the androgynous Brian Molko, the band's American singer and guitarist. His huge eyes and bright red lips stand out against his pale skin; his centreparted hair is swept back behind his ears. From the moment he sets foot on stage, to the sound of adoring screams, there is nowhere else to look.

His presence is, though, most forcibly asserted by his songs of desperation and desire, and by his voice. Its pleading passionate tone, often necdling without quite nagging, lifts melodies which might otherwise

drown in the storm of noise created by guitar, bass and drums.

When it surfaces above the swell,

Molko's singing takes on several guises. On 36 Degrees, it mimics the disembodied tones of an automaton. On Burger Queen, a tale of European lowlife, it recalls a languid, worldweary observer, occupying a place somewhere between Lou Reed and Marlene Dietrich. But Placebo are not a one-man band. Much depends, for example, on the sinewy runs and melodies of Swedish bassist Stefan

Oisdai. Throughout the show, Placebo tread a delicate line between captivating tunes and angular noise, between revulsion and embrace. Brittle guitar breaks or great slabs of sound are relieved by choruses of pure pop. It does not always work. On Come Home, which sounds terrific on record, the voice disappears into the mix there are also two inconsequential fillers buried in the middle of the set.

But at moments when the rock experiments and the pop conventions coalesce, as on Teenage Angst, then Placebo belie their name: the effects are

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Nick Catliff asks how convicted paedophiles should be treated when released

ust after new year on the Rapolch housing estate in String, a lynch mob of angry mothers sur-rounded a hostel of released prisoners and forced police to remove Alan Christie, who is 50, for his own safety. In Birmingham, George Taylor, 58, abandoned his flat after his windows were smashed, while in Liverpool Lyndsey Rooney was putting up posters warning people that her father would soon be coming home from jail.

All the men are convicted paedophiles and not surprisingly their potential neigh-bours do not like the prospect of their moving in next door. Until now, local authorities have quietly housed released sex offenders in hostels and on housing estates and relied on social services and probation officers to keep an eye on these potentially dangerous additions to the community. Legally speaking, they have served their sentences, "paid their debt to society". Most are subject to parole restrictions but like all other former prisoners the law says they should be allowed to rebuild their lives in peace. But, increasingly, people are un-willing to allow sex offenders to blend into society. They are public enemy number one. The nature of their crimes and the high rate at which they reoffend strikes understandable

Last week, in a Commons debate on the Sex Offenders Bill, David Mellor, MP, QC, captured the mood of public fear perfectly. The Bill pro-poses a compulsory national register of convicted paedophiles to deny them the amonymity they need for access to children in places such as schools and clubs.

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Mr Melior wants to go further: he argues that paedophiles are uniquely dangerous and that the new law should require police to use the register to inform local communities when a dangerous paedophile moves into their area. Now Labour has tabled an amendment calling for a system for providing information to the public", and the Liberal Democrats have suggested a new clause giving notification powers to chief constables.

American legislation known "Megan's Law" after Megan Kanka, a sever old who was raped and killed in July 1994 by one of three convicted paedophiles who had set up home in her quiet suburban street among young families. The law has overwhelming popular and political support. Tonight's Inside Story on BBCI looks at the American legislation where

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Maureen Kanka, whose daughter, Megan, was murdered at seven: "If a paedophile is living on my street, I want to know

Can sex offenders be left in peace?

the obvious logic and appeal of "community notification" has run foul of a variety of legal and practical objections.

The law itself combines

commonsense pragmatism with kneeserk political opportunism. So great was the outrage at the the appelling and apparently preventable crime against Megan Kanka that "Megan's Law" was passed in New Jersey just 89 days after she died. Megan's mother Meyan's mother mother, Maureen, formed an alliance with politicians and public opinion and by June 1996, two years into the campaign, she was in the White House next to President Clinton as he spoke of "circling the" wagons around our children", and signed a federal version of

The thinking behind the law is summed up by Mrs Kanka. "If a paedophile is living on my street, I want to know," she says. "If I had known they were there, I could have warned my daughter, and she

would be alive today." Dr Kay Jackson, a leading therapist dealing with sex offenders in New York, sees

the law as having a disastrous effect on her work with paedophiles and says they will be "ostracised by their com-munities, isolated from friends" and family and so pushed back onto their own, clearly inadequate, resources". This is echoed by many released paedophiles. One of them, "John", says: "I've done my time, I'm still doing the thera-

py but now they won't let me rebuild my life . . . I'm always

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waiting for the lynch mob."
It is likely also to force many sex offenders -- as one put it -to "move away and make a life for myself where no one knows me". This means a life without access to therapy, and without the supervision that he needs to avoid reoffending.

The American Civil Liberties Union and Liberty in the UK argue that community notification rides roughshod over civil liberties, amounts to double ramishment and opens. the offender to the possibility of a vigilante attack. But they have a hard task arguing that sex offenders — whom no one CSU guarantee will not

A register is a sensible idea. and that what they really need is not tougher punishment but anonymity and privacy. In the US, courts are now

backing away from calls for Megan's Law. Some actions brought by sex offenders have challenged the law as unconstitutional when applied to offenders who committed their crimes before the law was passed. Several states have suspended the law until the issue of retroactivity has been

If the courts rule against Megan's Law, politicians from the President downwards have vowed to fight for its reinstatement. They argue that "the right to know" is more important than the rights of men who have committed the most appalling crimes. That sentiment would be echoed by the mothers in Stirling, David Mellor and several British child-welfare organisations. They want to see community notification and, for them, the Sex Offenders Bill is a necessary first step

But before rushing to allow community notification we should look at the situation in America. Perhaps the last word should go to those most directly affected by the law, the paedophiles.

"Dave" speaks for many of them when he says: "It's a feelgood law. It makes everyone feel safer, but the truth is, if I wanted to reoffend, I'll do it. If the people in the area around my home are notified about me all I have to do is drive across town to a street where nobody knows and - boom -I can do what I like."

The author is the producer of the Inside Story film, Megan's Law, to be shown on BBC! tonight at 10.

Cuts that could worsen youth crime

PAULA

DAVIES

outh court magistrates must welcome the Audit Commission's timely report, Misspent Youth. The irony of the title will not be lost on those of us who have become increasingly frustrated with the inefficient workings of the system in these courts. If, as the report suggests, youth crime costs £1 billion a year yet the courts deal with only 3 per cent of the seven million offences committed by juveniles, something is seriously wrong either with the system of funding of the courts or their organisation.

Maybe we should just go back to basics and start to deal with the causes of juvenile crime because we don't seem to be able to cope with the results.

Most magistrates have long wanted to

know the results of particular sentences so as to learn from them, yet little or no attempt is made to monitor the later behaviour of youths sentenced by the courts. What must also cause anxiety is that the report refers to supervision orders consisting

week with a social worker hardly enough to be effective. The community penalties using intermediate treatment, which were used effectively in the 1980s, led to a decline in reported offences, along with a decline in the use of custody. And most youth court magis trates will welcome the commission's stated view that

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sive but essentially counter-productive. Eighty per cent of those sentenced in this way reoffend within two years. The commission recommends what many of us have been saying for years: that funds should go to schemes

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that tackle offending behaviour. The offenders' families should be involved if at all possible and victims compensated. The report estimates that if 20 per cent of young offenders prosecuted in court were warned and sent to special units dealing with offending behaviour, £40 million could be saved and spent on preventive measures. The commission recognises that these should start much earlier than at present.

Family breakdown and helpless or even non-existent parents are commonplace circumstances in the lives of the children we see before the youth courts today. There was a time when children were brought before us for failure to attend school. In inner London we no longer see such cases, presumably because the problem has mushroomed beyond the local authorities' ability to cope. The report says that the level of trusney and ex-clusions from school has quadrupled in the past five years to more than 12,000 a year. As magistrates, we are constantly trying to deal with delinquent juveniles whose backgrounds are frequently horrendous and whose parents — often only one — cannot cope. These are the people who need help earlier before their lives start falling apart and their children end up in court. The report refers to the many different schemes around the world set up to deal with offending behaviour without recourse to the courts. These range from the Family Group Conferences in New Zealand to the Halt programme in The Netherlands, from the Scottish Children's Hearings system to the Northamptonshire Diversion Unit, There has been a lot of success with these schemes, but surely the logic must be to start much earlier and help

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Looking after young children is a more difficult job than any other yet is little appreciated in our materialistic society. Young parents, usually but not always mothers, are often isolated and poor and, not surprisingly, find themselves unable to cope.

Charities set up to help these people and thus to help to prevent family breakdown are named in the commission's report, yet these are the charities which are losing core funding. Home Start, which has al-

most 200 voluntary schemes operating in the UK alone, has 5,000 volunteers helping 28,000 families. But it has seen hs core funding from the Department of Health reduced from £115,000 to £85,000 since 1994.

Expenditure has risen from £700,000 to £1 million over the same period and fundraising is a permanent headache. Newpin - New Parent Infant Network - operates centres where parents and children can get together and are helped to make

positive changes in their lives. This befriending scheme and therapeutic network for carers of young children is also threatened with the withdrawal of funding from an area health authority, and two new projects may never get off the ground. But these charities are singled out in the report as examples to be followed.

The commission recommends that volunteer programmes, "where experienced parents can offer practical help and support for an hour or two a week along the lines of the Home Start and Newpin programmes", should be piloted by health and social services in high-risk areas where there are no family centres. The commission

refers to possible savings of £40 million.

A few million to charities such as these would be money well spent. Cutting their funding seems positively crazy at a time when their work is increasingly vital. The author is an inner London magistrate

Boost: for LCJ's office

TWO NEW posts have been created under the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Rose, 59, has been made vice-president of the Court of Appeal criminal division, and Lord Justice Kennedy, 61, vice-president of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court.

The jobs are, to some extent. formal recognition of the work they already do. Lord Justice Rose, who also chairs the Criminal Justice Consultative Council, acts as adviser to the Lord Chief Justice on criminal matters, and Lord Justice (Paul) Kennedy handles the deployment of High Court judges on circuit. The appointments bolster the LCI's office.

• LORD TAYLOR of Gosforth, who turned out (with Lord Lane, his predecessor) to lend moral support to Lord Bingham of Cornhill in an attack on Michael Howard's sentencing plans in the Lords last week, intends to vote in the committee stage next

Rush of bids LAW FIRMS may have been



legal aid reforms, but they have not been slow to take advantage of them. There has been an unexpected rush of bids in the legal aid block contracts to be awarded by the Legal Aid Board under the first pilot of the Government's reforms. Bids have come in from more than 840. The board is now extending the pilot from 50 to 145 firms.

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Lord Steyn, Lord Justice Brooke and Mr Justice Crawford: chairman

prejudice persisted; and obtaining pupillages and cently elected to the Bar tenancies was still difficult Council - said that much for lawyers from ethnic progress had been made. But discrimination and minorities.

have been quick to jump on news that solicitors may face a one-off 30 per cent rise in their insurance premiums to cope with a £248 million shortfall in the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund. The money is needed for

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claims over negligence and fraud in conveyancing work done in the early 1990s when the market collapsed. A 30 per cent rise means a rise for small firms of several thousand pounds.

Mr Mears and Mr Sayer were at odds with the fund during their time in office. In their latest newsletter, the pair in effect say "we told you so". They comment "These revelations will surprise no one but the Old Guard at the Law Society."

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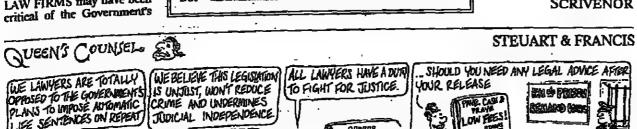
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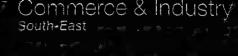
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TOP employment lawyers in-cluding Cherie Booth, QC, are offering free legal help to barristers and solicitors facing discrimination.

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Margaret McCabe, the barrister setting up the new unit, said the aim was to plug the gap between awareness of discrimination and doing something about it. The idea was to provide people with advice in the first instance. "We want an informal, mediation-based approach," she said. "Litigation is in no one's interests. But litigation is the final sanction."

The one-day Woman Lawyer conference in London, Shattering the Myths, is organised jointly by the Bar and Law Society and sponsored by The Times. Speakers include Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Roberta Ramo, past President of the American Bar Association, and leaders of the Law Society and the Bar.

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punishing youth crime in Britain, but Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has some suggestions for dealing with

'Make the young pay'

ord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, last week urged magistrates to adopt a new tougher approach to young offenders including more on-the-spot fines and no more repeated delays in bringing cases to trial.

In a speech with echoes of the "get tough on crime" policy of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Lord Mackay called for an end to the "wholesale business" of repeated adjournments, particularly in "spree offending" in which young offenders commit fresh crimes while on bail for a previous offence. He also urged further action to ensure speedy and prompt payment of lines, to clear the jails of fine defaulters.

Both initiatives are aimed at underlining the link between the offence and its penalty — a link made tenuous by the present system, Courts, Lord Mackay said, should ask offenders there and then: "Are you going to pay today?"
And where possible, they should be made to pay a large part of the fine before leaving court to "underline" the punishment and the court's

Lord Mackay tells Frances Gibb of the

need for a tougher approach to youth crime

The cases

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determination to secure full pay-He spoke of what some called

almost "an adjournment culture" in the youth courts. In cases of repeat or "spree offending", courts tended to delay trial so as to deal with all outstanding charges in one go. But that meant a large gap betwen the original offence and any penalty. He said: There is real value in linking in the mind of

the young person the as possible' consequences of criminal behaviour, and the punishment, with the offending behaviour itself." If necessary. He emphasised that JPs the link were broken, it "reinforces

were independent and would make in the mind of the offender the their own decisions. But the Magisnotion of getting away with it". trates' Association and Justices' Clerks' Society had issued guide-lines to that effect and he hoped His remarks, to Tyneside magis trates and to The Times, come after that JPs would heed his concerns, a recent Audit Commission report. Misspent Youth (see Paula Davies, as they had in the past, and use

rapid disposal of the case". in a second initiative, Lord

Mackay urged action to cut the numbers of fine defaulters jailed. Measures launched last summer to improve fine enforcement had led to a cut of up to one third in some places in the total of unpaid fines (the estimated national total is £200

If enacted, Mr Howard's sentencing plans could mean a big rise in prison numbers. But Lord Mackay insisted he favoured the use of prison as a last resort - and for serious offenders — as a matter of principle, not expediency. "We should," he said, "ensure that prison places are not taken up by people who have not paid their fines. It is not sensible for prisons to be full of petty offenders who can be

dealt with in other ways."

The drive to cut jailed defaulters was paying off. In 1995, 20,000 people were jailed for not paying a fine, "dramatically" down last year to 3,800. But if fines and other noncustodial penalities were not to be seen as "getting off lightly", there

Confusing the electorate

Piers Coleman on political cloning

NEW NEIGHBOUR!

ichard Huggett, aka Gerald Macione (aka the Literal Democrat" of 1994), has let it be known that he will stand for election again, this time in Winchester. It is not a coincidence that the name of the sitting MP is Gerald Malone and that Gerald Maclone's name would appear above his (an inestimable advantage) on the ballot paper.

Strenuous objections were made by local Conservative and Labour parties to the inclusion of Gerald Macione on the register as an elector. Two weeks ago the Electoral Registration Officer in Winchester ruled that the name change was a "sham" and substituted the

name Richard Hug-gett for Gerald Madone in the register. Mr Huggett has aiready appealed to the county court, whose deci-

Mr Huggett last stood for election to the European Parliament in June 1994 in Devon. He described himself as "Literal Demo-

trai". Ten thousand electors voted for him, the Liberal Democrat candidate lost by 700 votes and hundreds of electors signed statements claiming that they had been confused by his description and had voted for Mr Huggett by mistake. In the subsequent election petition, notwithstanding a huge outcry, the Election Court ruled that the returning officer had been under no obligation to consider the confusion which might arise and to reject Mr Huggett's nomination; indeed, they strongly hinted that even a "Liberal Democrat description could not have been challenged.

Why is there no machinery to control the use of party descriptions? It was only in 1969 that party descriptions were allowed on a ballot paper at all, apparently after the threat of a proliferation of candidates with the name of Harold Wilson. However, it seems that Act will not have achieved much if the effect, shown by the Election Court's judgment in the Literal Democrat case, is that there can still be a proliferation of candidates with the same (or very similar) names and the same (or

very similar) party descriptions. Notwithstanding huge billboard advertising campaigns. immensely expensive political broadcasts and much value attached to epithets such as "new" Labour, election law in England is still rooted in the tradition that one votes for the man and not for the party. The Election Court in 1994 strongly suggested - not before time - that a change in the law may now be appropriate but the Government has not so far taken

> But how can the returning officer in Winchester decide whether or not Gerald Madone should stand at the general election? There is undoubtedly authority for an officer to make inquiries about a nomination paper, and the fact that Mr Macione may not be a regis-

tered elector could be a reason for his rejection. Spool candidates are now cropping up all too frequently. Deliberately confusing names and descriptions are being used. Mr Huggett says he intends to stand for nomination in Winchester in the name of Gerald Maclone. Will he describe himself as a Conservative or as a Conversative or use some other description? Will the returning officer accept his nomination?

Spoof candidates and real candidates, with varied names and varied descriptions, may be planning similar electoral ambushes elsewhere. Yet the opportunity for change, so strongly hinted at by the Election Court

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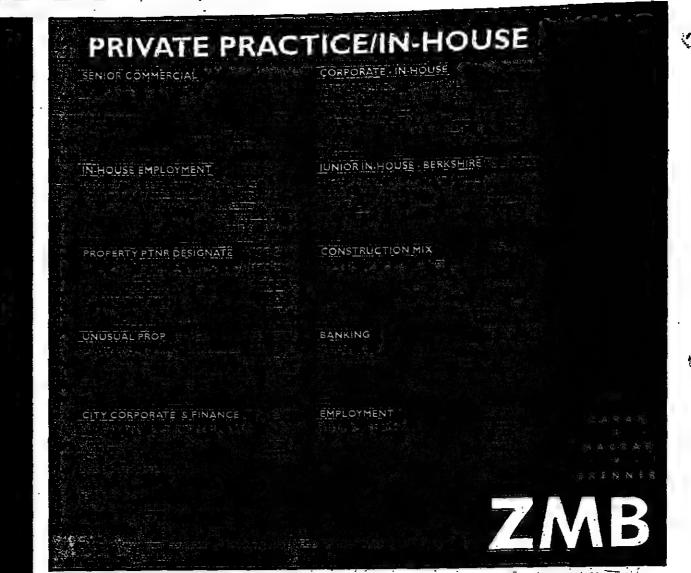
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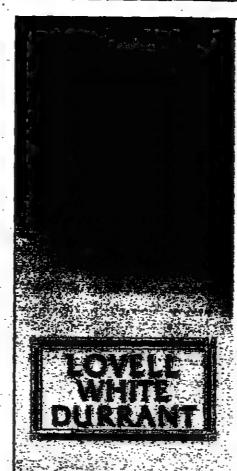
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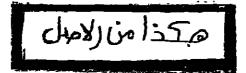
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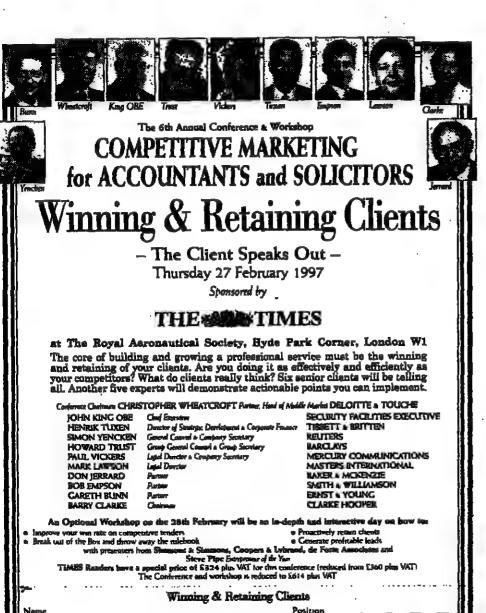
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Festival celebrations crowded out

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THE prospect of an Irish victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup - and a repeat of last year's chaotic post-race crowd scenes - has prompted an unprecedented security clampdown for next month's Festival.

Extra security staff will be backed by police in an attempt to prevent the surge by hundreds of jubilant Irishmen who burst past helpless offici-als into the winner's enclosure ast March and swamped imperial Call. A warning that

spectators face being ejected from the racecourse if they attempt to go into the parade ring or winner's enclosure after a race will be published in the racecard and broadcast regularly over the public address system.

A reminder of the frenzy which can follow a popular Irish victory was evident at Leopardstown on Sunday after Danoli's success in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Danoli, Dorans Pride and Imperial Call head the betting for the Cheltenham Gold Cup - and officials at Prestbury Park are on alert.

Edward Gillespie, manag-ing director of Cheltenham, said yesterday: "Our job is to ensure that the pleasure of everyone at the racecourse and those watching at home is not impaired by the foolishness of the relatively few people who lose their senses.

"We have spent a great deal of time since last year's Festival examining this problem, not only because of our concern but because the matter was drawn to our attention by Gloucestershire County Council on behalf of the Depart-



Imperial Call and O'Dwyer are engulfed by their jubilant supporters after winning the Gold Cup at the Cheltenham Festival last year

ment of Heritage, who are empowered with the Safety of Sports Ground Act. They were worried by reports of what happened last year and want to be satisfied we are compe-

tent to stage such an event." Footage of last year's Gold Cup scenes, taken by Channel 4 cameras from its airship, has helped Cheltenham identify where and when the people were getting in to the parade ring and unsaddling enclosure. "If someone falls it is

unlikely people will take any notice and trample them. Our concern is for the safety of people and horses,".

New measures, tested this season, will ensure the Gold Cup winner is the last of the first four horses to enter the winner's enclosure. Last year two placed horses came after Imperial Call, which enabled a crowd of people to rush into

Double gates have been erected at the entrance to the parade ring where horses go in and out. Twenty security staff, against eight last year, will be backed by police at the

"The danger is that if we fall the matter will be taken out of our hands by the authorities and severe measures may be introduced not only at Cheltenham, but at other courses."

Gillespie's actions are supported by Danoli's trainer, Tom Foley, who witnessed at first hand the post-race may-

hem at Cheltenham after his horse's victory in the Sun Alliance Hurdle in 1994.

Reflecting on the scenes at Leopardstown, he said: "I would love to have a section railed off where the horse has room to breathe. I hate to see the horse mauled so much. people get carried away. Danoli doesn't like to be confined in a small space and one day someone will get hurt. Any horse can lash out."

lievable, a bit tired today but 111 forgive him for that. He may not run again before Cheltenham, Winning the Hennessy means a lot but Cheitenham is once in a lifetime. Sunday's race was like a World Cup qualifier, the Gold Cup is the final.

"I know in my heart we may have only one chance to win the Gold Cup. That is why it means so much."

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3.00 GEORGE CONEY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE

(£5,784: 3m 5f) (7 runners) 1-PROD (BACHARRE 26 (B.C.B.) Li Paretango) J Paretaingo 11-12-0 Mr A Visine 4/1-3914 MISTHAVERSVIGE 11 (F.G.) (P. D. Fastenes Ltd) D Nicholson (1-11-10. A Magnete BASYAS PRODESSE 46 (E.G.S.) (D Statenes Ltd) D Nicholson (1-11-10. G Liensalyn 295-593 TUS DF PSACE 12 (F.G.S.) (P Retainton) B Baiding 40-11-2 B Foston 9 3513-34 DANGER BARY 6 (F.G.S.) (Bloose Broom) D Williams 7-10-6 P Polloy 8 3-7347-5 SR SN DUN 17 (F.G.S.) (Bloose Broomstock) C Brain 11-10-8 M Broy (7) 3010-71 BERDOR MARK 14 (F.S.) (G Counsyl) M Williams 8-10-0 J F Tilley (1-11-10-10)

SETTING: 5-2 Christones Gorna, 3-1 Sensior Mark, 7-2 Mandemanning, 5-1 Toy Cl. Places, 7-1 Bay Bay Class, 12-1

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3.30 EBRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (23,454; 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners) SP-5210 ALBEMONE 10 (F.G) (Mrs. J. Coch Mrs. J. Coch B-11-10: ________ T Kenn 85 056216 REAGANESCUE 14 (C.D.F.G) (Mrs. J. Spinistern) P Marginy B-10-11.... R Persons 80

SETTING: 9-4 Soveralges Plante, 3-1 Albamina, Berland Soveraign, 7-2 Ranginesque, 8-1 Victor Of Frances. 16-1 April Communication

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4.00 AIR WEDDING TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE (Ameteura: £1,114: 3m 2f) (4 runners)

7 ROA THE MALAKARBAN SST (D.F.E.S) (C Diany) Minn C Saunders 11-12-8 B Political (S) 2 935- CORN EICHANSE 444 (F) (D Welling) D Dogson 9-12-2 M Respected (7) 4 (F- Outr FOR FUN 255 (S) Mars 6 March) P Rog 11-12-2 N R Minner (7) 4 225-5 SRISST (10) F.E.S) (Alex 7 Broop) Mins 7 Broop 13-12-2 Mins 7 Broop 13-12-2 Mins 7 Broop 13-12-2 Mins 7 Broop 17-12-2 Mins 8 Broop FORM FOCUS

THE MALAKARMA 1856 4th of 7 to Price's 581 to best Bilmottal Boy distance to 8-4 more resided confidence chase at Windows (3m 41 110yd, good to confidence at Kingweston (3m, soil) April 94. Soil bussig blanck in novice brunde at Hollograms (2m open at Barbury Cantle (3m, brun) April 96. If 110yd, good to Strop. CUT FOR FUN best effort. How safection 4.30 FEBRUARY WARES ONLY MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

BETTING: 3-1 Edutania, 4-1 Wise Guester, 7-1 Melody Maid, 8-1 Wissen's Minante, Suites, 10-1 Paper Tigores,

FORM FOCUS PROEE SPIRIT 201 9th of 11 to Herst Physic in NH flat | perultiments start PAPER TIGRESS 122 20th of 21 acc at 8 Deceasies (2m 110md, good to 8md, mile International NH flat task at Worseston (2m, mile International NH flat task at Worseston (2m, mile International NH flat task at Worseston (2m, good to 6m) Apart 9th WHERE'S MARANDA 31 2nd of 12 to 12m (2m international NH flat task at Folkestons (2m international NH flat task at Folkestons (2m international NH flat task at Folkestons (2m international NH flat task at Worseston (2m internationa

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11 27.3 A Maguire
40 25.0 R Johnson
119 24.4 J Catholy

☐ Towcester will stage The Sporting Life Champion Hurdle Trial on Friday. The British Horseracing Board has sanctioned its running with entries closing tomorrow and final declarations on Thursday. Collier Bay is expected to make his seasonal debut and David Nicholson is considering the event for Relkeel, Putty Road and Escartefigue.

PONTETO POINT RESULTS

RACELINE 0930 1684 COMMENTARY CAPLISLE 102 202 LINGFIELD 103 203 FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168

EASTON: HARRIERS (Higham) Hunt: 1, Gitson's Cove (Miss L. Rowe, 1-4 fay); 2, Artoy; Only 2 finished, 4 ran, Open Mohr 1, Chessian (Ales H Inving, 5-1), 2, Kellys Nap; 3, Fisophing Freds, 8 ran Men's Open 1, Just Jack, (P. Jonason, 9-2); 2, Endusive Edison; 3, Stanweck Fariap, 5 ran Ladies 1, Craitsman (Miss. H Inving, 4-7 fav); 2, Protessor Longheir; 3, Upward Sunga, 6 ran intermediate: 1, Bitton Dollarhalf Mit Gorman, 7-4); 2, Druid's Lodge, 3, Bitter Alop, 4 tan Rest; 1, Sairron Missel (A Harvey, 2-5 fay); 2, Boat The Rap; 3, Corn Kingdon; 3 ran. INVCOLNESHEE INVIED CLUB (Market LINCOLNSHIRE UNITED CLUB (Market Resen point-to-point): Hunt: 1, Carly Bran

(N Kant. 6-4): 2. Ways And Meera: 3. Golden Moss 4 ran. Continued. 1, Just Charlie (D Easterby, 4-1): 2. Zam Bee; 3. Cooksawn Lady 10 ran PPORA: 1. Litheron (N Wilson, 7-2): 2. Copper Thistle. 3. Edger Prince: 12 ran. Rest 1: 1, Period: 1. Light (R Lee, 5-2 tiley): 2. Mighten Cartinus; 3. Bass Gray 9 ran. Rest 1: 1, Pet. Cross 6. Byrne, 7-1); 2. Cally Buzzs, Ryders Weiss, 8. ran. Open Midn 1: 1, River Don (P O'Noerke, 7-2); 2. Benbesth; 3. Cube. 9 ran. Open Midn 1: 1, Cher Himself, 4-Hill, 5-4 fevi; 2. Midney Chert (R Lee, 5-2 tiley): 2. Rend (C Chie, 3. Zerose 9 ran. NORTH WESTERN HUNT CLIS (Wolverhampton) Midn 1: 1. Sky Rumner (S Prick. 1). Rend (C Chie, 3. Zerose 9 ran. NORTH WESTERN HUNT CLIS (Wolverhampton) Midn 1: 1. Sky Rumner (S Prick. 1). Rend (C Chie, 3. Zerose 9 ran. North Galle (D Duggan, 8-1); 2, Jack The Tot. 3. Cets For Notes. 13 ran.

*TESTERBAY'S RESULTS

Foley added: "He's unbe-

Newcastle -Geling: good, good to firm in places
1.80 Sm chi 1, For Cashal (P Nises, 7-4 lav);
2. Paintare Prace (26-1);
3. Black Strok
(14-1), 8 ran NR Cultere Late, 194, 144 Mrs
lat Reveloy, Tota, 22 60; 11, 60, 12.90;
7.15. This Cash O CSF 542 83. DP: 13.70 Inc. Was U. S. P. Palace Of Gold (W. Dowling, 25-1); 2, Brackerstreake (14-1); 4, Northern Falcon (20-1). Herry Photes 11-4, Iav. 19 rain. 144, 63, L. Lumon Tote, ESF-20; 09 90, C. 20, 52.70, 95 90, C. 20, 52.70, 95 90, No bid 98, DC (11) Inc. Cold 13, Rold Rose (6 Storms.

282.48. Titisast 24,855.83. No bit.
2.80 (2m 110,95 ch) 1, Sold Bose (8 Storry,
4-5 lev); 2. Franchy Kright (5-1); 3,
Clemangikz (16-1) 8 ns; 8, 41 G Moore
Tote 51 70; 51.30, 51.80, 51.20 CF, 51.70
CSF 527 06
8.20 (2m hdis) 1, Storrest (5 Callaghan, 8-1);
2. Kings (ame (20-1); 9, Jegjerstown (20-1); 4.
Alde Memore (16-1) Gates 6-1 tev. 21 ram.
NP. New Charges 31, 31 J. Jefferson. Tote
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8.50 (2m ch) 1, Callin Sherr (8 Guess, 4-1); 2.
Gale Arrend (11-2); 3. Shorr of Guess, 4-1); 2.
Gale Arrend (11-2); 3. Shorr of Guess, 4-1); 2.
Gale Arrend (11-2); 5. Shorr of Guess, 4-17, 2.
8.50 (2m ch) 1, Callin Sherr (8 Guess, 4-1); 2.
Gale Arrend (11-2); 5. Shorr of Guess, 4-7
2.20 C Tric 520 10 CSF (24-34 Tricast
576.31.
4.20 (2m hdis) 1. White Hand (P Carbarn)

576.31.
4.20 (2m helie) 1, While Hand (P Carberry, 2-7 fev, Richard Evens's resp and Private Handloopee's top rating); 2, Dark Private Handloopee's top rating); 2, Dark Private Berbera, 314, 7, J. Fitzperald, Tote: £1.40; 51.20; £2.00; £9.00, DF £7.40 Tric. £1.69.50. CSF £15.75.

Jackpot: £12,008,80 (0.1 winning tickets; soci of £16,487.21 cerned forward to Phospot 274.50. Quedpot \$14.30. Fontwell Park

Geing: good to firm

1.40 (2m & 110yd hole) 1, Clueique Chose
(If Hughes, 2-1 lisy; 2, Do Be Ware (10-1); 3,
Mull House (10-1); 4, Rashin (16-1), 15 nm,
NP Honest Deep, 3py For Life 11, 41. B
Meshan. Tohe: 63 70; 61.40. 62 10, C1 80,
61 80, DF 528 00 7no, 546.10, CSF 521 67
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2.10 (2m 2 ch) 1, Stressed John (0 Geliagher, 16-1); 2 Deer Do (11-10 tay), 3, Whippers Delight (11-4) 5 nm NP: Charistown
Port. 1% 161 Mass K George Tone: 512.20;
62.30, 61 30 DF 67.80 CSF 626.12.
2.40 (2m 2 110yd hole) 1, Josen King (8
Powell, 11-2); 2, Mallinto (11-2); 3, Fareistate
(11-2) Addiov 7-2 law 18 nm. 3, nk. R Going: good to firm

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MANETTIA (3.40 Carlisle) Next best: Santa Concerto (2.10 Carlisle)

Buckler Tolls: £7,80; £2,10, £1,90, £2,80, £4; £15,00, Tino, £83,30 CSF: £31,52

Els 00. Tea. 283 30 CSF Est 52 3.10 CSm 21 10 yd ch) 1, Vol Per Null (Ar 1 Dournen, 4-6 tea); 2, Keep It Zipped (3-11; 3, Sanciassavor (12-1) 8 csm. 7, dest F Dournen, Tota. 21 80; 67: 20, 61: 10, 62: 60 DF 63: 00 CSF 63: 41 3 cs. Csp. 21 10 yd Jedd 1, 1 exemps 1 ses. 61 4 cs. Csp. 21 10 yd Jedd 1, 1 exemps 1 ses. 61 USF IDF 41 3.40 (2m 2 110)(d hdie) 1, Lessons Lass (1 Osborne 100-30); 2, Next Feat (2-1 lav), 3, Flow Back (16-1); 6 rsn. 12l, 20l Lady Heries Tote, 83-90; E2-00, \$1-90 DF 56-40. CSF 510,44. CSF £10.44.
4.10 (3th 21 10yd ct) 1, Blanck Church (8 Ferdon, 17-2), 2, Moster Cornedy (6-1), 3, Policemans Price (10-1) Rose King 15-8 tav 12 rat. 7, 148, R Pewer, Toler £380, £2.00.
£1 10, £1.90 OF £9.90 Trio £19.40 CSF £24.98. Trosest £286.29
4.40 (2th 22 files rece) 1, Nacy (X Alcpuru, 7-1), 2, Gover-Slave (2-1), 3, Kingswood Impetal file-1) £2866/erock 7-4 tav 8 rat. 11, 11±1 R Deckin Toler £5.70; £1.80, £1.30. £2.80 DF £7.80 CSF: £27.48
Placecoot £35.50. Cuadeot £7.50. Southwell

Going: standard

Conn.; Section 1. 1.00 (7): 1. Describt (C. Putter, 4-1 p-los), 2. Truly Bay (7-1); 3. Private Fidure (9-1) Bellard Lady 4-1 p-lov, 1 from XI, 2. D Haydh Jones Tote, 24 70; 22 80, 22 10, 23 10 DF 21890. Tetr. 296 40 CSF 530.12 Trics.st. 1 1 Conn. 1 Trics. 1 1 Conn. 1 1 Conn. Emili 47.
2.00 (63) 1. Treasure Touch (D Holland, 4-7 fev. Thunderer's nap). 2. Mengus (7-1): 3. Cessie Ashby Jack (6-1) 8 rah. 61. 81. G. Moore Tote. 5: 40. 5! 40. 62.50. (5: 40 DF: 55.10 CSF 55.41
2.30 (2m) 1. El Nido (Mess R Clerk, 10-1). 2. Golden Hadleer (2-1 fav). 3. Colendge (8-1). 14 ran. 11. 41. D. Chapmen Tote. 514.20. 94.30, 51.50. 51.50 DF 525.10 Tho. 555.50 CSF 530.772 Tricast 5175.57.
3.01 (1m. 61). Widding IS Sandon. 10-Tri. 2.

CSF 290.72 Tricast £175.57.
3.00 (1m 3) 1, Wildline (S Sanders, 10-1); 2.
Maßun (11-10 law), 3, Khramarthra Gid (7-2),
9 rán, 4, 61 R Alvehust, Yore: \$5.30; \$2.20,
15.0, 11.30 DF: £10.60 Trio £11.60 CSF
521.04 Tricast £46.56.
9.30 (1m) 1, Kingothp Boy (A Clark, 11-2); 2,
Yeoman Oliver (7-1), 3, Gulf Shaade (9-1);
Domino Piyer 11-4 y-law 9 rán, NR; Mažurek,
9, 61. M Ryan, Tore: £3.0, £1.90, £5.90,
21.30 DF £22.90 Trio, £10.60 CSF £42.05.
Tricast £23.9.31 Tricast 2280.51
4.00 (6) 1, Elton Ledge/ (S Sanders, 13-8).
2. Myttors Missiele (11-4); 3, Serse Of Priority
(6-4 lat/), 7 ren. 2% (2.1 Mm N Macauley
Totar 2260; 21.50, 21.90 DF: 53.00 CSF
-52.58 No loci
4.30 (7) 1, Live Project (D Helland, 4-1 lat/);
2. Pleasure Trick (6-1); 3, Antia's Corressoa
(13-2), 14 ren. 1% (2.1 M Johnson Totar
4.90 (7), 05.30 (2.2 7), DF: 19.50 Titor
528.40, CSF-526 (2. Tricast 5155.18 CARLISLE

THUNDERER 1.40 Paperising, 2.10 Santa Concerto, 2.40 Auntis Alica, 3.10 Regal Romper, 3.40 Hudson Bay Trader, 4.10 Wayuphili, 4.40 What A Tale, Private Handicapper's top rating: 1,40 PAPERISING.

gaing: good (good to firm in Places) TOTE JACKPUT MEETING

1.40 WETHERAL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,738: 2m 41 11Dyd) (17 nunners)

4-7 Papensing, S-1 Alidousery Castle, 18-1 Husty Spiera, Dates Amour, 12-1 Catherine's Choice, Barderes, 16-1 others. 2.10 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,861; 3m) (10) (CUBINEST: X3,0011: SIT) (10)
201 -P.P. CROWN COLUERRY 10 (C.F.S) 8 Nichards 7-11-3 P Carbony 17
202 12-1 SANTA CONCENTO 10 (G.S.) Longo 8-11-3 R Sençois 18
201 4/MI CURPOPAL MODOWOOD 40 M Tealments 7-10-10 A Obliday
201 276-2 PRAL SEAT 21 J Carbs 8-10-10 Dec 18
202 276-2 PRAL SEAT 21 J Carbs 8-10-10 Dec 18
203 576-9 MARKICA 8 M Dools 1-10-10 Dec 18
205 P-8F STRONGALONG 64 P Chesthrooth 7-10-10 DECETRIL 60
207 P-8F STRONGALONG 64 P Chesthrooth 7-10-10 DOLETRIL 60
208 5143 TRUMP 7 (SF-F,C.S) C Parter 8-10-10 Dec 19
209 50-3 CALL NE BLACK 18 M Harmonth 9-10-5 R Gentily 82
210 PUBF ESTABLISH 18 J Dodds 9-10-5 R Gentily 82
210 PUBF ESTABLISH 18 J Dodds 9-10-5 R Seminy 82

4-5 Santa Cascanto, 7-2 Crown Emerry, 7-1 Trume, 14-1 Marrics, 16-7 others

2.40 HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR ERF MARES MOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: \$2,626: 2m 41 110yd) (13)

9-4 Parson's Lodge, 6-1 Datey Days, 7-1 Lupby Louise, Mandrill, 8-1 Lively Resign Salem Basch, Auritie Alice, 14-1 others, 3.10 JOHN BROCK NEWORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

6-4 Regal Rompe: 4-1 Timbuckoo, 9-2 Markte Man. 5-1 Uncir Best. 5-1 others

3.40 HETHERSON L CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,294; 3m 110yd) (9) 501 160- NORTHERN SOURE 260 (C.D.G.S) J. Johnson 9-11-10 507 54- HOBKEK 340 4 Whitens 8-10-10 ______ 5 Taylor 508 1324 BLOOMANG SPRING 132 (D.F) Ners D Thomson 8-10-4 509 3336 LITTLE REDWING 7 (8) M Hammend 5-10-0 ... R Bures (5) 89

4.10 LIBRA GRAVURE CYLINDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,231: 2m 4l 110yd) (11) GENERALE (LO.) CAT. CAT. **(1.1745) **(1.174

9-4 Hudson Bay Teader, 3-1 Menettia, 6-1 Morthern Squire. 7-1 Biotening Spring, 6-1 Hobbid, Farmey Gleo, 16-1 Little Redwing, 14-1 others.

3-1 Cash Supreme, 4-1 Son Cli Inst, 9-2 Wayuphili 5-1 Book Account, 7-1 Down Lad, B-1 Good Scenery 10-1 Boyers Drawn, 14-1 others 4,40 DURDAR INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,035: 2m 1f) (12)

Quadpoit: £15.40. 11-4 Tom's River, 7-2 Superest, 4-1 What A Tale, 6-1 Castle Bay, 7-1 Others.

Total Control of the
LINGFIELD PARK THUNDERER

although there is a doubt that he will not run if the forecast rain fails to materialise. He was not able to collar Mistinguett at Haydock last time, when beatan four lengths, but has a 4lb pull in

the weights and has every chance of reversing the form. His trainer, Malcolm Jefferson, his his

stable in tramendous form and, at 14-1, DATO STAR is worth risking.

1,20 Don't Drop Bombs, 1,50 Eastieigh, 2,20 Eager To Please, 2,50 Joseph's Wine, 3,20 Double Oscar, 3,50 First Chance, 4,20 Dr Edgar.

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST 1.20 PEACH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div I: £2,427; 1m) (8 runners)

L. E.Z., P.C. | Toly (of Collaborary)

3.32 ROM SECRET 24 (20.8) 7 Hampines 5-12-0 Mers J Mangines 49 4

3-45 INDMINISTRES 17 (A)(20.5.8) 8 Juniors 7-12-0 ... In Manasin 3

0-00 MILET FRANCISC 18 (20.0.7.8) 8 Index 40 5

0-04 SPECTACLE MIS 5 (6) 8 Peners 8-10-12 ... Mers 3 Schwitz 65 7

000 PAPPO LINES 150 JR Riber 4-10-9 ... Mers L Poppo (6) 6

3-41 ROLD HART 12 (20.5.6) J Peners 12-10-9 ... Mers L Poppo (6) 6

3-40 ROLD HART 12 (20.5.6) J Peners 12-10-9 ... Mers L Poppo (6) 6

3-40 ROLD TOROP BOMBS 5 (20.5.6) 0 Times 8-10-3 Mers J Feetins (6) 1

3-41 ROLD HART 12 (20.5.6) J Juny 11-9-12 ... 1 Whiten (6) 1 5-4 Bold Hebit, 11-4 Bon Secret, 4-1 Menters: 8-1 Dan't Drop Bombs. 18-1 Multi Francisco, Sarum, 12-1 others.

1.50 PEACH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP

(Div ii: £2,427: 1m) (8)

2.20 DAMISON SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,057: 6f) (5) 7-4 Estate To Places, 2-1 Haver Colf Charges, 4-7 Adequat Repro. 7-1 others.

2.50 PLUM CLAIMING STAKES (£2,778: 1m 2i) (9) 1 3-33 BERMARD SEVEN 13 (8.C.F.6) M Dod: 5-9-6 D Moland 7
2 -105 JOSEPH'S WINE 6 (8.CDF 5) D Micholik 8-4-5 Alex Greaves 6
BDLD FAITH W Musson 4-8-10. M Band (3) 8
4 90-0 GRAND CRACK 6 C Dayes 5-8-5 D R McCabe 3
5 1827 INVOCATION 7 (C.F.6) 5 L Moore 19-8-6 A Carris 5
6 40004 MANAMA MASS 12 (S) 6 Pating 5-8-3 T Syratis 2
7 6-00 BUDDY'S FRISIND 11 (C.F.6) R Wildens 9-8-2 D Biggs 4
5 4564 OUT FEDDE 10 (V.CD), 8 Beds 5-8-2 A Daty (5) 1
9 0/0- WATER HAZARD 3J (C.F.6) S Dow 5-8-2 A Daty (5) 1 5-2 toyocation, 11-4 Joseph's Wine, 3-1 Bernard Seven, 9-2 Bold Faith, 14-1 Hazarg Miss, 16-1 Buddy's Friend, Oer Eddle, 20-1 others.

3.20 GREENGAGE HANDICAP (£3,420: 61) (10) 2-1 Double Oscar, 7-2 Forgotten Times, 9-2 Lord Stey 7-1 Apatio Red 8-1 Both Frontier, 10-1 Actor Investor 12-1 others

3.50 NECTARINE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,323: 71) (9) | 36-4 BEALI BRUMN 13 (P) All Bell 4-9-10 ... 6 Faultines (5-8 B 2 - MAGAZNES (6-3 S) For Michael 4-9-10 ... 6 Faultines (5-8 B 2 - MAGAZNES (6-3 S) For Michael 4-9-10 ... A Daly (6-4 C5-5 WILL DO 32 M Microin 4-9-10 ... M Advines 6 For PERANG POLLY 61 Land Huntingfor 5-9-5 ... D Martison 9 0 SERM SYMPHORY 17 Max 5 Williams 5-9-5 ... J Count 1 Coun 5-2 First Churee, 11-4 Afrika. 5-7 Magazine Gap, 6-1 Beau Brimo, Will Do, 8-1 Perang Polly, 10-1 Salod Symphony, 12-1 others

4.20 CHERRY HANDICAP (£2,804, 1m 4f) (13) P. CHERRY HANDICAP (£2,604, 1m 4t) (13)

1 560- WESTERN PLAYBUY SJJ R Baler 5-8-11

2 13-4 FATHER DAWI 24 (£7,63) Makes 6 Kelleway 6-8-10. G Holland 4

3 (241) N THE MUPLEY 12 (£0,6) R Hollandsed 8-9-0 D Gettlers (5) 13

4 0-03 DR EDGAR 12 (5,6) M Dots 5-8-12. A Clark 11

5 - 024 HARREGUIN WALK 10 (20,6) R (75affean 8-9-0 D Harrison 10

6 060- REAL MADRID 224 (V.C.G.S.) 6 Enright 6-8-8. H Adams 6

7 05-0 UDW 7 P Ballor 4-8-6. J Branchis (5) 7

3 3422 AL HELAL 5 Jonkins 5-8-4. J Sanders 1

9 04-2 EVENNIG HI PAYES 20 M Johnston 4-8-4. D McKennin 8

10 0-64 MALS TAILS 19 S Don 4-8-0. A Clay (5) 1

10 0-64 MALS TAILS 19 S Don 4-8-0. A Clay (6) 8

11 500 PTRITIC DANICE 40 M Hayess 7-2-12. G Sentiors 1

29 9-07 FABLE UDS MITTO 12 (£0,5,6) M Sanders 7-10. N Casiste 9

13 0-00 DIA SEDREY 14 (£7,6,5) C Duyer 6-J-10. N Varley (6) 9

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Sullivan in

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By Kevin McCarra THE size of the Scotland

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Brown yesterday suggested that he plans to invade

Monaco, rather than to take

part in a game there on

Rebruary II. However, the

manager is not so bellicose and simply judges that 27.

players are necessary to provide cover for the rear-ranged World Cup qualify-

ing match against Estonia. Tom Boyd, Craig Burley.

lohn Spencer and John

Collins have yet to strake off injuries and other members

of the party may withdraw after club matches in Scot-

land at the weekend. In

addition to being extensive,

though, Brown's selection is

also exploratory.

Neil Sullivan, the Wim-

bledon goalkeeper, is included, despite being born

in Surrey. A Scottish grand-father makes him eligible, although it is only in recent years that the football asso-

iations of Great Britain

have agreed to accept so

Brown considers himself

intensely patriotic, but re-sents being asked to act as the guardian of an unfeasi-

ble purity. As he points out, Celtic and Rangers are still regarded as quintessentially

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another one on ourselves.

the manager said in expla-nation. "If he turned out to

be a world-class goalkeeper

and I had ignored him, I

would be kicking myself."

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Charles Reep, taken up by Stan Cullis with Wolverhamp-

ton Wanderers, successfully

used by Charles Hughes with

the British Olympic XI and

then controversially advocated by him as Wilkinson's

Egil Olsen, the Norway

coach, is adamant about the

Reep theory, "I'm not talking

about liking it, but about

efficiency," he says. "If we had

tried to play possession foot-ball, we'd not have done what

we have. Football is about

losing and gaining possession.
"Direct football, as I call it.

is not just based on the long

ball, but develops from the

breakdown moment of the

kinson argues, is that good players might be more effect-ive with "direct" play, but

would lose their, and the

crowd's satisfaction from selfexpression. The two go together, he says, yet admits the contradiction: that when good

players are one-down with ten

minutes to go, they start kicking the long ball, looking

"You can't deny the good players their belief — that they

can make nine passes and

score," Wilkinson says. "The

balance is what you think you can achieve as coach, because

you can't work without their

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beat us in the last World Cup, they were

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Coaches tackle job of crossing the cultural divide

nglish spectators are hypocritical when that we prefer the touch of a Hoddle, Brooking or Gaswe most identify with, what we subjectively but correctly believe represents our national character, is the true grit of a Stuart Pearce. This public ambivalence

leaves managers and coaches, many of them confused by the same dilemma, caught in a trap of cultural conflict: skill or strength, subtlety or predict-ability? It is a dilemma that stretches from the national team to the most remote schoolboy pitch, i remember watching my son in an under-!! match, and the master-incharge shouted at a boy loafing ineffectually on the wing: "For goodness sake, go

The terrier-style of Billy Wright, 90 times England captain, was more definitively English than that of Matthews or Finney.

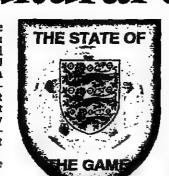
Hunt, Hateley and Shearer are more truly representative of strengths than Hurst, Lineker and Sheringham, never mind discarded artists such as Osgood or Le Tissier.

Building a successful club or national team depends on two basic factors: the players avail-The former mostly determines the latter. "You can't play Total Football," Howard Wilkinson, the new technical director of the Football Association, says, "if you can't all handle the ball. Even if two of the team can't, the opposing coach, if he's intelligent, will make sure those two get plenty

of the ball!"

It is Wilkinson's job to introduce a coaching culture largely absent even at the highest level - into English football. "Why are Germans and Italians technically better?" he asks. "Because they give their best players more time with the best coaches, with a higher ratio of coach to player in training. Why did Holland improve so dramatically in the Sixties. Norway in the Eighties, the United States and Turkey in the Nineties?

One word: coaching."
Furthermore, Wilkinson says, we need coaching for our



coaches, especially in the psychological field, so that men such as Kevin Keegan learn to control their own and their players' emotional arousal, which, in excess, can become

counterproductive. Past England managers had greater choice than now. Walter Winterbottom exploited both faces of national character, strength and subtlety: Wright and the suave centre half Franklin, Bobby Smith and Greaves. Alf Ramsey per-

The style of Billy Wright was more English than Matthews or Finney'

> fected the dichotomy of styles, Jack Chariton-Moore, Bobby Charlton-Stiles, Hunt-Hurst, but went off the rails when he veered towards the physical with Hunter-Storey, Chivers-Channon.

Don Revie wavered for three years, then Ron Greenwood conventionally opted for Latchford-Keegan, followed by Mariner-Francis. Bobby Robson went for the old mixture, Hateley or Dixon-Woodcock until blessed with the gifted Lineker and Beardsley. Graham Taylor oscillated,

> He emphasises the coaching conundrum: direct play seeks ting the ball forward quickly). clever players seek positionfrom-possession, "it's a ques-

tion of priority," he says.
"At Notes County (as manager), we passed the ball until the opposition was dizzy. At Sheffield Wednesday, taking over in the second division, I needed to work swiftly, and decided fast-forward long bails were the way."



Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, also thallenges Olsen's principle. "If you start hitting long balls, you're play-ing staring-ball with the opposition, and left picking up the pieces, hoping to your advantage. With that style, you're looking for a different animal, fighters and scrappers in midfield. Would we fin

Against a background of the most accomplished record of any English club in European competition. Evans is looking for something more sophisticated, hence the present formation of three at the back with five in midfield, "We tried it at times under Bob Paisley. Joe Fagan and Kenny

Dalglish," he recalls.
"You're making defenders

be more mobile, but it's not just about those three, but the whole team. Everyone, has more freedom, and no one gets isolated, though were still looking to improve it."

Evans, with Liverpool's wealth, is in a position to search for sophistication. Wilkinson's ability to help the country breed better players. will be crucial for clubs unable to buy good players, and nendent on local talent.

We have to make players, and we're clutching at straws, Lou Macari, the Stoke City manager, says. "As manager

TOMORROW

The way ahead: teaching football skills

the power to clobber players if they step out of line, the way Jock Stein did with us at Celtic, because there are now so few of them. You're held to "I try to arrange that they're

paid for playing, that they receive a bonus after so many matches, instead of a signingon fee. We've lost five players this season because they were given guarantees eisewhere."

Macari laments that, win or lose, his players are in the Sir Stanley Matthews sponsors lounge, drinking, soon after the final whistle — what irony for the maestro tectotaller and then hit the town's nightspots until the early hours, with the manager pow-

If and when Eriksson takes

over from Tony Parkes, the

caretaker-mamager, he will inherit a squad strengthened

by the arrival of Marek Citko,

a £2.75 million signing from the Polish club Widzew Lodz.

deal may take three weeks to

secure, by which time the

Blackburn officials said the

Nonetheless, the player should return from Monato with his national affiliation erless to act. Stein would have had them keelhauled. If Andy Goram and Jim Leighton are fit, there will not even be a place on the bench for Sullivan. "We Plymouth oust Warnock

want to work with him at close quarters," the manager said. "We are taking him to see if he is good enough." While some brood over the goalkeeper's presence, ofhers fret that he may be allowed to escape.

It was pointed out that Sullivan might one day play for England if he is not given the cap that would establish him as a Scot. "If he wants to defect after being with us then his heart is not in it," said Brown,

failing to panic.

In addition to reaching out to Wimbledon, Brown has also dipped into the past. lan Ferguson, of Rangers, and Paul McStay, of Celtic, are restored to the squad although they have not been capped since, re-spectively, May 1994 and March of last year. Each of them appeared to have come to the end of their useful life

at international level. Ferguson's talents may sometimes have been questioned, but recently he has proved influential for his club. There is a maturity there now." Brown said, and I notice a bit more definess in his passing." McStay's technique is never in doubt, but recovering fitness after an ankle injury that ruled him out of the first half of the season has been

omplica Rusedski steps up rankings to No 39

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onundr for Rov GREG RUSEDSKI has climbed 17 places in the latest world rankings after reaching the final of the Croatian indoor tennis championship in Zagreb. Rusedski, beaten 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, by Goran Ivanisevic, the world No 2 in the Zagreb final on Sunday, has risen from 56 to 39. His highest ranking, achieved in January last year, was 33. Rusedski fell to 84 in Sep-

tember before bouncing back to 48 at the end of the year. Pirst-round defeats in the New Zealand and Australian Opens last month saw him fall to S6. Tim Henman, the British No I, was inactive last week and has gone down one place to 17.

Hot shots

Rifle shooting: Great Britain overcame hazardous conditions to beat Victoria by seven points as they continued their challenging tour of Australia in Bendigo. With the range surrounded by gum trees and temperatures in the nineties, the teams had to contend with incursion of a kangaroo. Britun built a four-point lead at 300 and 600 yards, lost by three points at 900 but won the day by gaining six points at 1,000 yards.

Brake out

Rackets: Peter Brake, the No 4 seed and winner of the recent professional singles championship, made a surprise firstround exit from the Lacoste Open singles championship Alastair Robinson in five sets. However, Robinson progressed no further as he went out in the next round to the Clifton professional, Toby() Sawrey-Cookson.

Goode decision

Badminton: Joanne Goode, who made sporting history by winning a national title while four months pregnant on Sun-day, has decided not to play in the British Grand Slam tournament in Mansfield later this month. She intends to coach at Hertiorshire University until her baby is born.

Family first

Lacrosse: Vivien and Sara Jones have become the first mother and daughter to be selected to play together in a World Cup. They will repre-sent Wales in the fifth World Cup in Tokyo in April.

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Referee no problem 6 for Hamed

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NASERM HAMED, never lacking in self-belief, is so confident that he will win the world featherweight championship unification boot against Tom Johnson, the International Boxing Federation champion from the United States, on Saturday that he has, once again, predicted when his opponent will fall.

It is this unshakeable strength of conviction that has prompted Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation titleholder, to abandon his protest about the referee for the bout at London Arena. Brendan Ingle. Hamed's manager and trainer, had complained that the choice of Rudy Battle, from New Jersey, was unfair. "Is-1 had been an English referee they [Johnson's camp] would not have been happy," ingle said. "A neutral official would have been right But the matter is now dead and gone. Naz says he will be bringing his own referee into the ring. Hamed said: "My mind is set on the third round. That's when he will be beaten so it doesn't matter who the referee is. After this, no one can say I haven't beaten the best."

Hamed believes he is in a different class from champions of the past as well as the present. Yesterday he took a verbal swing at Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion, for;). not giving him enough credit in McGuigan's role as a television commentator.

"When an ex-fighter is commentating, you would think he would give credit where it is due to any world champion." Harned said. "He does not all enough of that He hasn't given me much at all. If he had been around today, or if I had been there in his time. I would have knocked him clean our and I will tell him so on Saturday when I see him."

Whelan warns Woking By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

FANTASY often overtakes reality in the FA Cup, yet Steve Thompson, the Woking midfield player, is trying to retain a sensible perspective for the third-round replay against Coventry City at Kingfield tonight. He might have scored the 89th-minute equaliser in the 1-1 draw at Highfield Road ten days ago, sparking jubilant scenes among the non-League club's supporters, but he knows the task ahead is still formidable

Some people are making us favourites, which I find hard to believe." Thompson said yesterday. "Just because we forced a replay and have also got a good record against League clubs, they think we will win. What they seem to have forgotten is that we play in the Vauxhall Conference and Coventry are in the [FA Carlingl Premiership."

Thompson, 34, a former physical training instructor in the RAF, is finding it easy to keep his feet on the ground. He recently started a new job in customer liaison for Unigate Dairies in Plymouth, where he lives, and worked until 8pm last night. He was due to set off early this morning on the long trek to

Noel Whelan, the Coventry striker, predicts the end of the

road for the Conference upstarts. The winners play Blackburn Rovers in the fourth round, with Derby County awaiting in the last 16. We have to perform to our true capabilities." Whelan said, "but I don't see any reason why we can't give them a good pummelling, see off Blackburn and then take on

Paul Gascoigne should be fit for England's World Cup qualifying the with Italy at Wembley next Wednesday. The Rangers midfield play-er injured his left ankle playing for his club in a six-a-side tournament last week, but is said to be responding well to treatment.

With the Premiership title to defend and the European Cup heading their list of priorities. will the FA Cup prove one competition too many this year for last year's doublewinners, Manchester United? They could hardly have a greater test than tonight's visit to Selhurst Park to face Wimbledon in their fourth-round

replay. United, though, are quick to reject suggestions that they might be happy to leave the

competition. We might be at the top of the league and waiting for the European Cup in March," Brian Kidd, United's assistant manager, said yesterday, "but the FA Cup's a big thing for the players. It's a real priority." United are particularly happy, then, to welcome back Pallister to the centre of de-

fence to counter the threat of Ekoku, Earle, Gayle, Leonhardsen and company. Johnsen is expected to strengthen United's rearguard further, in place of Clegg, and while the Cup-holders have a good record against Wimble-don at Selhurst Park, Wimbledon may feel that the law of averages suggests they are due a victory in the clubs fourth meeting of the season — indeed, the third in nine days.

Arsenal play Leeds United in a delayed fourth-round tie. three days after the sides shared a 0-0 draw at Elland Road in the Premiership. It is the second visit of George Graham, the Leeds and former Arsenal manager, to Highbury since he was dismissed two years ago.

lan Wright, scorer of 24 goals this season, will have a late fitness test on a hamstring strain but Martin Keown, the defender, returns after a twomatch suspension.

ONE of the longest-running soap operas in the Nationwide League came to an end yesterday when Dan McCauley, the Plymouth Argyle chairman, finally dispensed with the services of Neil Warnock, the

leam manager. Rarely has a week passed without some form of dispute between the two, with money usually the source of discontent. Lowlights have included Warnock walking out of a match with ten minutes remaining and McCauley trying to make the players return the shirts that they wore in the third division promotion play-off final at Wembley, which they won last year. The discord was never likely

to be eased with Plymouth on the fringe of the relegation zone. "We have got to get another manager who can keep us up," McCauley said. Blackburn Rovers may have thought they had resolved their managerial difficulties when they appointed Sven Göran Eriksson, but they are rapidly discovering that, while his coaching credentials may be beyond question, his public relations skills leave a little to

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF to beat AC Milan 3-2, but his communication skills were

again found wanting. The post-match press conference presented Eriksson with an opportunity to decry the reports in the Italian press suggesting that he would abandon his commitment to join Blackburn in July, when his contract with Sampdoria

ends, in favour of a move to

Pearce appeal

Lazio. Instead, he said: "I'll be leaving Sampdoria at the end of the season. Two months ago. I signed for Blackburn, we announced that and nothing has changed since. However, what exactly the future will hold we'll see at the right time. You never know what

struggle for control of Nottingham Forest may be over. Yesterday, Albert Scardino, a Pulitzer prize-winning jour-nalist and former press secretary to Bill Clinton, lodged a formal bid to take over the FA Carling Premiership club. He heads a consortium prepared to inject £20 million. out faces competition from a

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Third round seplay Besetch v Falligh ...

group led by Nigel Wray, the City linancier and part-owner of Saracens RFC, which has submitted a £23 million package. Both offers will be debat-ed at an extraordinary general meeting on February 24.

Forest are presently unable to move in the transfer market and Stuart Pearce, the caretaker-manager until the end of the season, yesterday urged the shareholders to act decisively. Chris Waddle has rejected

the chance to become the player-manager of West Bromwich Albion and is to remain as a player with

Eriksson's stock no doubt rose on Sunday after his Sampdoria side, reduced to ten men, overcame a 2-1 deficit

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RUGBY UNION

Greenwood complicates conundrum for Rowell

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

JACK ROWELL, the England coach, has a problem. It is of the type that men in his position claim to enjoy and, since this one is of his own making, he can scarcely complain - but it will not go away. What does Rowell do about his midfield?

Is there a problem, one might ask, given that England began their five nations' championship defence on Saturday with 41 points against the hapless Scots? Since Phil de Glanville and Will Carling were among the try-scorers. their partnership at centre may appear to be functioning well enough.

It is, though, a holding partnership only. An enduring centre alliance needs something more, something like the complementary talents that Carling and Jeremy Guscott brought to the game in a world record 44 appearances together. You may ad-mire de Glanville and Carling as players, but they do not offer the variety that Guscott did - and may yet still do - or that Will Greenwood, another contender, might introduce.

It was bad enough for Rowell that, when he decided that de Glanville should be his captain, he had to make a decision over Carling and Guscott for the one other berth; but Greenwood has been growing in stature for Leicester of late and indicated, against an admittedly modest Scotland A last Friday, with his leadership as well as his skills, that he could cope with

even greater responsibilities. He has presence, he has as much nace as the others and he has softer hands than either Carling or de Glanville. Whether he can reproduce those skills at the highest level. only time will tell, but suffice it to say that he was the only member of the Leicester back division who could live with Brive in the Heineken Cup final last month.

Guscott to consider. He is playing as well for Bath - alongside de Glanville - as at any time in the past four years; well enough to interest the British Isles selectors, who could include him and Greenwood in the preliminary 60-strong squad, to be announced next week, for the tour to

South Africa this summer. In one sense, the problem is Carling. Having laid aside the cares of captainty, that might have been the time for a golden handshake from the management, but he has carried on making a substantial case for retention. All credit to him for that.

His break in the second half against Scotland and grub kick to the corner when he saw that Tony Underwood had been squeezed out by the defence was as fine a piece of work as anything in the match. In any case, why should Carling make life easy for the selectors? His is a substantial presence made even more vital by the number of changes that have been made in the side elsewhere.

There is not so much dement in the England brickwork that the management can afford to lose either of two good deci-sion-makers — Carling and de Glanville - at this stage. If the side matures this season in a winning context, if Tim Stimpson can offer the variety from full back that he has not done yet, then England will be more than happy with their two "seeady Eddies" and may leave tinkering with the components for the time being.

Ireland, who play England in Dublin on February 15, may have confirmed the long-term appointment of Brian Ashton as coach by then. The hish Rugby Football Union has discussed with Pat Whelan. the team manager, the situation and there is strong support among players and technical staff for the former Bath coach to be appointed up to the 1999 World Cup.



Williams was not at his best yesterday but nevertheless had too much firepower for Hunter at Wembley

Hunter falls prey to Williams

MARK WILLIAMS, who was disappointed to have relin-quished his Regal Welsh Open snooker title last week, gained a measure of consolation by beating Paul Hunter 5-1 in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

The match, a potential showcase for two of the game's most promising exponents, did not live up to expectations. Williams failed to produce anything that approximated to top form but. even so, was considerably more potent than Hunter.

In a season where few. players other than the top 16. who are automatically included in the Masters field. have shone. Hunter was awarded the sponsor's discretionary wild-card invitation,

largely on the basis of his appearance in the quarterfinals of the United Kingdom championship.

At Preston, Hunter led Stephen Hendry 5-3 but, faced with the prospect of claiming such a notable scalp on such an important occasion, he froze and lost all six frames necessary during the concluding session. It was a similar scenario against Williams.

Hunter, 18, had innumera ble opportunities against Williams, particularly in a second frame won by Williams with a clearance of the last two reds to blue, that was rounded off

by an outrageous fluke.

A break of 79 in the third frame suggested briefly that Hunter's mistakes had merely been the product of the early butterflies that afflict so many of those making their debut at Wembley, but it was to prove a solitary highlight.

Williams, unexpectedly beaten 6-5 by Mark King in lighting rig on to the playing surface. The table-fitters solved that the semi-finals of the Welsh Open, won a scrappy fourth problem with a dab of white frame to lead 3-1 before effectspirit, but Wattana, who lost

nine consecutive frames when

snatching the fifth from his beaten 13-4 by the same grasp on the black with a opponent in the second round of the world championship clearance of 46. last year, never appeared Williams, who now meets John Higgins, freely admitted likely to solve the puzzle as to that an improvement in the why he was rendered ineffecquality of his play will be needed if he is to advance tive by Bond's presence.
"I felt relaxed and I am

ively sealing Hunter's fate by

practising well, but, whenever "It really was a struggle so, I play Nigel, something alin a way, I was pleased to win so convincingly," Williams ways seems to be missing," Wattana said. said. "Paul can play much better than that. He was a Bond compiled breaks of 68, 80, 63 and 59 and, in turning a 2-1 lead into 5-1, long way from his best out

scored 294 points without Nigel Bond will provide the For Bond, the result ended quarter-final opposition for four frustrating years of par-ticipation at the Masters in John Parrott after a 6-1 victory over James Wattana, of Thaiwhich he has failed to record a land, which was delayed by a globule of oil falling from the single previous victory.

to take on

RUGBY LEAGUE

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Tuigamala prepares St Helens

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN Warriors are confident that work permit problems, which prevented Va'aiga Tuigamala from playing in a friendly match at Preston on Sunday, can be resolved in time for the Western Samoa centre to resume his rugby league career on Saturday in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth-round tie at St Helens.

What was described as a technical hiccup forced Tuiga-mala to miss Wigan's 52-4 defeat of Lancashire Lynx. The club has been assured by the Department of Employment that it is merely a case of having his re-application rubber-stamped, but the hitch denied Tuigamala the opportunity of valuable league match practice after a fourmonth stint in rugby union at

Wasps. The long-term signing by Wasps of Rob Henderson, the London Irish centre, means that interest in a possible permanent return to rugby union for Tuigamala is now concentrated on Newcastle, the Courage Clubs Championship second division side. To buy Tuigamala out of the two years that remain on his contract at Central Park, and his Super League loyalty deal, would cost Newcastle in the region of £750,000. Despite talks with Wigan, no deal has yet been struck.

While he has emphasised his loyalty to Wigan, Tuigamala has also said that his future is out of his hands. There has been speculation that Wigan would release the player in order to fund a new contract to keep Jason Robin-son. The Great Britain wing is due to join the Australian Rugby League (ARL) in June, in a £1.25 million four-year

move. The ARL insists that Robinson's deal is binding, although Wigan appear to have been successful in buying Martin Hall, the Wales hooker, out of his ARL contract. Nevertheless, the feeling persists that, should St Helens knock Wig-an out of the Challenge Cup at the weekend, Tuigamala, who played for New Zealand's All Blacks in his first spell in the union code, might go to Newcastle sooner rather than

ICE HOCKEY

Devils find safe haven at centre of Storm

NORMAN DE MESOUTTA

CARDIFF Devils took their weekend haul to four points with a 5-2 win over Manchester Storm, their third success in as many Superleague visits to the Nynex Arena. Ken Hodge scored after only 47 seconds and lan Cooper doubled the lead in the ninth minute.

Craig Woodcroft, who scored both Manchester goals, pulled the home side back into the game in the fourteenth minute, but it took the Devils only 24 seconds to restore their two-goal margin, Kip Noble combining well with Steve Moria and Cooper.

Ivan Matulik made it 4-1 to the Devils late in the first period, which ended with Car-diff lacking the services of Steve Thornton, who was taken to hospital suffering from concussion. A knee injury to Moria allowed George Swan, one of Cardiff's fringe players, to get on the ice and his second goal of the season took the Devils out of reach.

Martin Smith, of Manchester, then talked himself into being ejected, which hindered the Storm's attempts to launch a recovery. Woodcroft notched his second goal, but the Devils were content to hold on to what they had in a scoreless final period. Stevie Lyle excelled again in the Cardiff goal as the Storm out-shot the Devils 44-43.

Bracknell Bees lack the depth of some of their more affluent rivals, and the loss of Chris Brant, who suffered a knee injury in their defeat in Manchester on Saturday, may prove crucial to them. In addition, Dale Junkin was injured in the second period of the 7-3 home defeat by Ayr Scottish Eagles and did not reappear for the third. There were no goals in the first period, but Ayr led 4-2 at the end of the second and coasted

home from there. The other game on Sunday saw Nottingham Panthers complete their second win of the weekend, a 3-1 away success over Newcastle Cobras, in which Trevor Robins, probably the best goaltender in the Superleague, gave an outstanding performance in the third period to preserve

AMERICAN FOOTBALL HONOLULU: National League (NFL): Pro Bowl: AFC 26 NFC 23 (OT).

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ATHLETICS ASSERLEY HALL: National preparatory achools gross-country relays: Over-11: 1, Abbariey Hall 28mm 49ac; 2, Section Hall 29:02: 3, Farteigh 29:17. Under-11: 1, DEGS Waterfeld 79:15; equal 2, Abbariey Hall and Dulench College 19:29

BADMINTON NORWICH: English national champion-ship: Women's doubles: First: N Beck (Buckunghamshire) and 8 Davies (Lanca-stra) of J Bradbury (Chloridshire) and J Muggeridge (North) 15-9, 15-4.

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G Sheer (US) 1:21 286; 4, C Thorpe and
G Sheer (US) 1:21 310, 5, C Plantensteiner
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1-21 991; 5, S Ercharm (Ger) 1:21 174; 3, J Sode
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15-8; R Owen-Browns bt A Smith-Brighern 15-5, 15-3, 15-2, Second count? M Windows bt D Meliey 16-11, 12-15, 15-12, 15-11; G Barles to A Lyone 15-4, 15-4, 15-6; T Sewrey-Cookson bt A Robinson 12-15, 5-16, 15-11, 15-6, 15-10

HAMPTON COURT: British Land mixed doubles championeisis: Querter-direct N Loyd and G Deen to L Ronaldson and J Acheson-Gray 5.6.4.6.5.C Nicholik and N Beter bit F Deucher and R Moore 6-6.1.6. 6-3. P Lumbey and M Pead bit J Miller and C do in Fuerte 5-6.6.6.4 K Leening and C Worldge bit C Clark and R Ossawy 6-3.4.6. 6-5. Serni-finate: Deem and Lloyd bit Nicholik and Bater 6-5. 5-6. 6-5. Lumbey and Read th Leening and Worldge 6-3, 6-3. Finat Deem and Worldge 6-3, 6-3. Finat Deem and Worldge 6-3, 6-3. Finat Deem and Lloyd bit Lumbey and Read to Serni-Finate Deem and Lloyd bit Lumbey and Read to Serni-Finate Deem and Lloyd bit Lumbey and Read to Serni-Finate Deem and Lloyd bit Lumbey and Read 6-3, 6-3.

RIFLE SHOOTING BENDIGO, Austrelie: Victorie State match, 200, 800, 800 and 1000yd; 1, Great Britan-1558 100pts (M Walton 1955); 2, Victorie 1519, 105 (A Powel 196.15); 3, Cheinnan's VIII 1515.97 (J Davies 195.14)

SKIING SESTRISHE, Italy: World chempionehips: Men: Super-G: 1, A Steardel (Not): Innix 20.58ee; 2. L (Kus (Not) 7:29.89; 3. G Meder (Austria) 1:20 01; 4. H Turauss (Austria) 1:20.07; 5. J Strobi (Austria) 1:20.19; 5. L Cadarseo (II) 1:20.29; 38. A Freshveter (38) 1:33.78; 41. G Bell (GB) 1:34.04. Did not feisist: P Schwarzache-Joyce (Ins). C Columb (No).

SKI JUMPING WILLINGEN, Germeny: World Cup: Sel-under: 1, M. Höllwern (Austria) 237.7pts (first jump 120m, second jump 126.5mt); 2, D. Thome (Ger) 231.4 (131.0, 119.5); 3, P. Peterka (Slovenie) 238 5 (122.0, 116.0), 4, T. Peterka (Slovente) 226 9 (1220, 116 b), 4, T Okube (Japan) 224 3 (1255, 109 5); 5, K Furnid (Japan) 223 1 (1255, 109 5); 5, K Furnid (Japan) 122 Octs (122 5m); 2, Trems 116.5 (122 5); 3, R Lookston (Nor) 112 (117); 4, F Feichel (Se) 110.8 (116.5); 5, Peterka 110 7 (116.5); Leading World Cup positioner 1, Thoma 984pps; 2, Peterka 937; 3, Sanoh 702, Leading team positioner 1, Japan 2,628pb; 2, Feriand annua 3 Industrial 126

SNOOKER WEMBLEY: Berson and Hadges Masters: Wild card play-off round: B Morger (Eng) bit A Drago (Mella) 5-2: M Williams (Wales) bit P Hunter (Eng) 5-1. First round: J Parrott (Eng) bit J Writes (Eng) 6-5: P Ebston (Eng) bit J Williams (Eng) 6-6. Becomd round: N Bond (Eng) bit J Watters (Thei) 6-7.

SPEED SKATING

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HAMAR, Norway, Sprint world championships: Memi: \$00m: Salurday: 1, S.

Revchenya (Rusa) 36 198ec; 2, R. Smem
(No.) 35.19: 3, H. Shimizu (Japan) 30.39: 4,
 J. Inote: (Japan) 36.98; 5, J. Sung-Yeol
 S. Kori, 36: 63. Sunday: 1, M. Hori, Lapan)
 38.19: 3, H. Shimizu (Japan) 30.39: 4,
 J. Inote: (Japan) 36.98; 5, C. Fizhandoloh
 (IS) 38.53. 1,000m: Salurday: 1, Hori,
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 Inim 13.18sec; 2, J. Wolferspoon
 (Carl) 113.73. Salurday: 1, Hori, Imin
 12.86sec; 2, Fizhandolph 113.57; 3,
 Soendrad 113.06; 4, Sungaly: 1, Hori, Imin
 12.86sec; 2, Fizhandolph 112.97; 3,
 Soendrad 113.06; 4, Sungaly: 1, Hori, Imin
 12.86sec; 2, Fizhandolph 112.97; 3,
 Soendrad 113.06; Woman; 500m: Sal urday: 1, F. Schenk (Japan) 40.20; 5, S. Zunova
 136.53sec; 2, Xue Ruhong (Chira) 39.77; 3,
 Svilicher (Ger) 40.29; Sunday: 1, Schenk
 19.000m: Salurday: 1,
 Schenk Imin 19.76sec; 2, Xue 120.23; 3, 6
 Xusunose (Japan): 120.78; 4, R. Sunderon
 150.97; 5, C. Way 113) 121.02
 Sunday: 1, Schenk Imm 19.82sec; 2, A
 Thomas (Holi) 120.19; 3, C. Witty (US)
 120.41; 4, Völder 120.49; 5, Xue 121.08

HELSINK: Findeh Open Championehip: -Ocenter-finels: 8 Davis (Aus.) or S Come (Scot) 15-7, 15-12, 15-13; J Wellings (Eng.) bt O Poutteiner (Fri) 15-12, 15-7, 15-7, N

Taylor (Engl bt 8 Hacktrel (Aus.) 17-14, 12-15, 15-4, 15-10; J Raumolin (Fin) bt V Ststoman (Fin) 14-17, 15-7, 13-15, 15-7, 15-8, Semi-Snatz: Davis th Wellings 15-10, 15-8, 15-9; Taylor bt Raumolin 15-12, 15-10, 15-10, Final: Taylor bt Davis 15-5, 15-8, 11-15, 17-16. SWIMMING

SWIMMING
GELSENIGRCHEN, Germeny: World Cup:
Sight round: Merc Freestyle: 50m 1, M
Foster (GB) 22.16eec; 2, 3 Activitimine
(Kaz) 22.7; 3, 8 fee 1/kg) 22.99; 200m; 1,
M Kilm (Aus) Irrin 45.34sec; 2, M Rossolino
(f) 1:46.07; 3, C Keler (Ser) 1:47.30.400m;
1, J Holbrunn (Ger) 7m; 38.65eec; 2, A
Bousserine (Russ) 752.25; 3, 1 Lothink
(Ger) 7:53.94. 100m breestandors: 1, S
Lopultino (Russ) 59.43eec; 2, J Kruppa
(Ger) 55.95; 3, M Watmocke (Ger) 39.93; 5,
R Meden (GB) 1:00.40. Bedistroke: 50m;
1, J Lothin (Ger) 24.95eec; 2, V Selsov
(Russ) 24.92; 3, A Radioy (Aus) 25.00.
200m; 1, Selsov Irin 54.95eec; 2, N
Bulsau (Rorri) 1:55.18; 3, 5 Ostrophous
(Russ) 157.63 100m butlerfly: 1, K
Ouchkon (Russ) 32.28eec (European
record); 2, J Richman (GB) 52.99; 3, M Kim
Aus; 52.72.200m medioy; 1, M Woude
(Holl) Irin 57.10sec; 2 equal; C Keller (Ger)
3nd M Durn (Aus) 1:58.47 Women:
Freestyle: 100m; 1, K Messener (Ger)
54.68sec; 2, 5 Oeygus (Ger) 55.04; Ne Charo (Crima) 55.16. 400m; 1, N Bowton
(Aus) 47th 05.85eec; 2, E Yamanol (Lippan)
4:08.84; 3, K Vilegious (Rorl) 4:10.86.
Breaststroke: 50m; 1, Xus Han (Crima)
31.75; 3, 5 Geresch (Ger) 32.16; 200m; 1, Lucusto (Rorri) 2m; 88.85eec; 2, Stoon
227.11, 3, A Paleoles (Ger) 227.52 100m
backstroke: 1, N J.Neurovikagn (Pus)
30.75eec; Levolid ecody); 2, T Soen (Can)
31.75; 3, 5 Geresch (Ger) 32.16; 200m; 1, Lucusto (Rorri) 2m; 88.85eec; 2, Stoon
227.11, 3, A Paleoles (Ger) 227.52 100m
backstroke: 1, Lims Lus (Chima) 25.85eec; 2, Stoon
23.85eec; 2, A Buschechules (Ger) 100.45;
3, R Marachnotrus (Fil 11).80 Butlactly:
50m; 1, Lims Lus (Chima) 25.86eec; 2, S
Volley (Ger) 25.97 (European record); 3.
Buschechulte 27.14; 5, S Massey (GB)
22.00, 200m; 1, M Jacobsen (Der) 2min
08.87eec; 2, J Bedforn (Ger) 3.17eec; 2, S
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1:20.99.

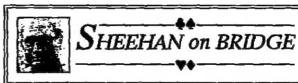
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21-14 21-10, 21-19 First by 21-14, 21-14, 21-10, 21-14, 21-10, 21-14, 21-10, 21-16, 21

BELING: Mar's teammant: Semi-finate:
J Kraslek (Slovakta) bit L Paes (Inde) 6-2.
6-4; A Volkov (Fuel) bit B Stoven (M2) 7-6.
7-5 Finat: Kraslak bit Volkov 8-2, 7-6.
PROSTEJOV, Crash Regulatic: Women's Indeor tournament: Finat: K Habsuntova (Slovakia) bit B Poulus (Austra) 6-7. 6-1.
6-3.

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Upited Selbord 3 (12-15, 11-15, 9-15).



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Liz McGowan and Heather Dhondy of Great Britain, the Mixed Teams Champions at the 1996 Olympiad, were thrown in at the deep end in the 1997 Macallan International Pairs. They played Meckstroth and Rodwell, of the United States, in the first round. This is a hand on which the British came out best.

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South (Meckstroth) opened a ducked; East-West then took macho 2 NT, in theory to show 20-22 points and in practice to show the women who was boss. It didn't quite work out that way. North (Rodwell) bid Three Diamonds, a transfer bid showing at least five hearts. This enabled Liz McGowan (East) to double for a diamond lead. That went back to North, who bid 3 NT,

the final contract. Heather Dhondy (West) led the four of diamonds and East won deceptively with the ace, with Meckstroth correctly dropping the nine. On the East-West methods, the 4 could have been from J843. By concealing the three, declarer left open the possibility that he had started with Q9 alone of diamonds.

East was not fooled by this however. She continued with a low diamond. Now Meckstroth obviously thought she could not have the king, or otherwise she would have played it at trick two, so he

four more diamonds tricks and the ace of spades to beat the contract by two. Had declarer put on the queen of diamonds at trick two, he would have made 3 NT if he had guessed both the hearts and the clubs. Liz McGowan was clearly unimpressed with the play of one half of the world's top-ranked pair. Her comment to me afterwards about her diamond play and Meckstroth's duck was, "i didn't think they still fell for that old swindle." The Junior Camrose and

Peggy Bayer Trophies were played at the weekend, resulting in wins for England and Scotland respectively. The annual match between the Houses of Parliament was won by the Lords by 910 aggregate points; this takes

their lead in the series to 13-10. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

JACULIFEROUS a. Throwing the javelin b. Yawning With spikes

UNDEGROPE · a_ A cellar b. To understand c. The lowest yardarm

DIRHINOUS a. Itching

b. With split personality c. Having two nostrils STUPEFYING a. Tremendous

b. Inducing stupor

 Rendering stupid Answers on page 50



By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Wijk aan Zee

in a late spurt Valery Salov has won the tournament in Wijk aan Zee. His score was 8's points out of 13. Nigel Short finished in a tie for eighth place with six points.

The Linares tournament in Spain starts this week Top players include Kasparov, Anand, Kramnik and Ivanchuk Anatoly Karnov has withdrawn. Games and results can be followed live on the Internet by accessing http://www.elpais.es.

Edinburgh at 175

Rounded on November 4 1892, Edinburgh Chess Club is now celebrating its 175th anniversary. It is widely believed that Edinburgh Chess Club is the second oldest in the world, with only the chess club of Zurich (founded 1809) being older than them.
Edinburgh is the only club in

Scotland to own its own premises and their current building has been in action since 1922 at I Alva Street near the west end of Princes Street. The following game was played between Edinburgh and London by correspondence in 1824. White Edinburgh Black: London

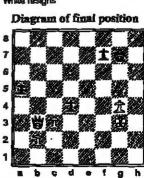
Correspondence match, 1824 Bishop's Opening 65

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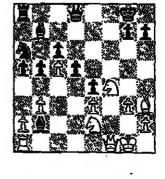
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in

WINING HOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Hansen -Vedder, Wijk aan Zee 1994. Can White do better than moving his attacked rook?

Solution on page 50





England's image still seen in poor light

B ob Bennett, the head of England cricket affairs, is on his way to Wel
This is expressed either as lington bearing a lengthening list of anxieties. He will arrive in time for the start of the second Test on Thursday but his concerns will extend beyond the result of a pivotal match, to the image being portrayed of the team and the health and futures of the men at the sharp end of this increasingly difficult tour.

Bennett, recently appointed chairman of the new England management committee, is due with an official group that will also include Lord Mac-Laurin, who is making his second visit to the tour as chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Neither man will travel without trepidation, for the reputation and position of their team leaders is again to be given a very public trial in the

Naturally, the principal hope of the officers inspecting their troops will be to see England belatedly secure the Test win they have threatened all winter. As is the way of such things, all other worries would then recede. But both men are aware that a different result will precipitate confron-

PERTH (third day of five): West Indies beat Australia by

AFTER a remarkable day's

cricket, the third of what

should have been five, West

Indies completed victory in the

fifth Test by ten wickets over an Australia side that surren-

dered its second innings for

195. West Indies have now won all five of the Tests they

have played on this ground. and all with a lot to spare.

hostility or indifference, and neither is acceptable to those charged with protecting the English game's image and promoting its appeal. Hostility brings demands for change at the top, indifference jeopardises the enduring support for Test cricket in England, with serious financial implications.

Bennett, in particular, is facing an early test of his skill and strength, perhaps made no simpler by the fact that the beleaguered captain and coach of the England side, Michael Atherton and David Lloyd, are friends and colleagues from Lancashire, where he is also chairman.

Bennett's first port of call. however, should be the tour manager's room. John Barclay, another elected member of the elite England committee, has found his second winter as manager far more taxing than his first, and the chairman is likely to have a lengthy agenda of matters to discuss with him.

One concern will be that Lloyd periodically presents himself in a poor light. In Zimbabwe, his intemperate remarks after the Bulawayo

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

Mark Taylor, the Australia

captain, confessed afterwards

that he was "very surprised" to

see Lara striding out in con-cert with Walsh. In no time at

all, there were more words

spoken, after Lara fell over at

the non-striker's end, where-upon the umpires. Darrell

Hair and Peter Willey, sum-moned the captains for a little

ing what is usually called a that Ian Healy, whose catch had dismissed him, would not

Alan Lee outlines a worrying agenda for officials arriving in New Zealand

Test prompted a cautionary word from MacLaurin, but the negative approach to the weekend match in Wanganui, exemplified by the mood and words of the coach, was a tepressing development.

Barday is aware that Lloyd's temperament, sensitive and emotional, makes him a volatile spokesman and perhaps he should have done dorsement from Steve Rixon, more to shield him. Perhaps

Test doubt for Cairns

Zealand all-rounder, is doubtful for the second Test in Wellington after injuring his left ankle in a benefit match. Cairns was not expected to bowl during New Zealand's net practice early today and faces an anxious wait to see if be can practise tomorrow. If he cannot, he is unlikely to play in the Test, which starts on Thursday.

good enough batsman to go in the day receiving treatment.

when Mike Gatting's team won the Ashes there ten years ago and has said he has no doubt that the present team is far more united.

The captain, however, is not oblivious to the generally unhealthy image, nor uncon-cerned by it. It is a problem for us if the media portrays us that way and the public believes it," Atherton said. "It can undermine us on tour." But whatever his views of some of the press coverage, Atherton may privately accept that certain actions have in-vited a critical response.

The publication of a tour diary written by John Crawley, sadly introspective in every way, is one example. The nebulous position of lan Botham, who continues to make divisive comments while maintaining a remote involvement with the team, is another. And the appearance of the team bus on the playing area itself, barely ten minutes after the unseemly conclusion

briefing players about to be interviewed, is convinced that the team should carry a fulltime communications officer to help to improve their image, which would be no bad thing.

Bennett has first-hand experience of image problems and how unfair they can be. His final tour as an England manager was to India and Sri Lanka, four winters ago, when he was pilloried for appearing in newspaper photographs, looking dishevelled in T-shirt and shorts, at a time when the dress and shaving habits of the England players were causing more distress than their appalling results. Bennett, in fact, had been acting beyond the call of duty in climbing out of his sickbed to organise a press conference. He will know, of course, that

it is only when the team is not winning that people seek sinis-ter reasons and begin dissecting temperament, attitude and demeanour. But England have not been winning for some time and, unless they do so this week, Bennett's committee will face its first critical decisions sooner than they

A lifetime spent in music

Stephane Grappetti — Eighty Years on the Fiddle. Radio 2, 9.00pm. The temptation to ignore a programme given as daft and lazy a subtitle as this one is great but from the opening strains of I Got Rhythm this documentary tribute to the great jazz violinist is impossible to put aside. Several years ago I went to see Grappelli in Bristol, half expecting that the old chap would be going through the motions. Shame on me. He was — and remains at nearly 90— a magnificent exponent of the instrument, a man whose playing has inspired everyone from Menuhin to Kennedy. Grappelli relates how his father sent him to Isadora Duncan's dance school in Paris when he was six sent him to Isadora Duncan's dance school in Paris when he was six years old, where his enthusiam for music first began.

The Magazine: Crime and Punishment USA. Radio 5 Live, 9.00 am. The Magazine: Crime and Punishment USA. Raino 5 Live, 9000m. Several of the more controversial law changes that Michael Howard has brought before Parliament originated in America, including a variant of "three strikes and out", by which people who commit a third felony are given automatic life imprisonment. As The Magazine reports, the American law was first promulgated by a man called Mike Reynolds, whose daughter was murdered by a man with a history of violence. There is some evidence that the scheme has reduced violent crime, but opponents say that criminals have had to be released early from jail to make way for lifers and the court system has become clogged with third-time offenders choosing to go for trial in the hope of acquittal rather than plead guilty.

Peter Barnard

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Stephen Kovacovich, the
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Chamber Orchestra.

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12.30em Jazz Notes, with Campbell Burnap
1.00em Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, Includes Madrigals by Monteverdi

8.00 Science Now. A weekly look at scientific news and developments presented by

developments presented by Peter Evans (f)

8.30 In Living Colour. Trevor Philips with news, debate and reflections from black and Asian people in Brisain and around the world

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tour of his home town of Bath
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
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12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Cross Cuestioned.

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Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Classic Storylines.

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es they were painted. He maintains that the spirit and approach remains good and has received unexpected en-

CHRIS CAIRNS, the New

Cairns, who plays for Nottinghamshire, is a vital member of the New Zealand side, a

be welcome in the West Indies'

room. Then, on Sunday night,

it was Lara who went public

with comments on the Austra-

a practice, of course, ever

indulged by West Indies players. From what Taylor chose

feast day on this extraordinary

pitch. The first clear evidence

of its unsuitability came when

Blewett, going back to Am-

brose, was castled by a ball that barely reached shin-

height. No batsman, however

Australia were 17 for two by then because Taylor, poor

man, had received a snorter

from Ambrose that took the

edge as it left him off the pitch. Taylor is not short of friends,

of runs that, unless he redis-

Africa, there is a possibility

balls that behave like that.

bowler able to act as either third or fourth seamer.

Bennett will even tell him so

when the subject of public

Atherton, for one, believes

that his players got a raw deal

in Zimbabwe and that they

were not the unfriendly reclus-

relations is raised.

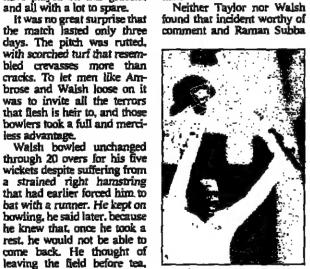
In the light-hearted benefit match for Gavin Larsen, the Wellington all-rounder, Alec Stewart scored 62 and Graham Thorpe 34 before a crowd of 8,000. Stewart and Thorpe, who had not played since scoring hundreds in the Auckland Test, were turningout for an international XI.

Cairns had hit 25 for Larsen's team when he turned his ankle and spent the rest of in Wanganui, a third.

Alert management should guard against such gaffes and Bennett and Barclay will debate whether the personnel and approach have been cor-

rect. Barclay, who has become CRICKET: LARA THE ANTAGONIST STRIKES SOUR NOTE IN CONVINCING WEST INDIES VICTORY

Australia fall flat on imperfect pitch



Lara: controversy

Row, the match referee, will not mention the matter in his which Australia won 3-2, was conducted in an amicable manner, save for two outbursts featuring the same

Lara who walked (in his pads)

ing-room during the second Test in Sydney, after he had been dismissed, and declared

SCOREBOARD FROM PERTIF

but was dissuaded by the

silver tongues of Lara. Adams

and Simmons, who wanted

the captain to see the job

Running through the day was a sub-plot involving Lara.

He had said unkind things

about the Australians the pre-

vious night, choosing to reveal

at a press conference that they had abused Samuels, the left-

handed opener. So, when the

ninth West Indian wicket fell

yesterday morning and Lara

emerged from the pavilion

with Walsh as the captain's

running partner, he was mak-

through.

Edias (b 2 tb 8, w 6 nb 22) .

FALL OF WICKETS 1-7, 2-17, 3-43, 4-48, 5-24 6-105, 7-110, 8-133, 9-189 BOWLING American 9-2-50-2, Bishop 12-3-1-44-2 Watch 20-4-74-5, Semmons WEST INDIES: First Imariga

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Umpres. D G Hair (Australia) and P Wiley (England).

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J C Adams o Hoely b McGraft
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1R Bichop o Taylor b Reiflet
C E L Ambross run our
C A Walsh not our
Extrac 0.5 to 10 w 1 mb 20 Extras (6 5, to 10, w 1, nb 28) ...

FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-43, 3-251, 4-275, 5-331, 6-332, 7-332, 8-359, 9-367 90"ALNG, McGrath 30:5-96-2; Bichel 18-1-79-0 Feetol 25-6-73-5; Warne 19-8-55-2 Biewett 5-2-19-0; Bevan 5-0-31-0; Waugh 7-1-26-0

BOWLING McGrath 4-1-14-0 Redict 5-0-24-0' Bichel 1 2-0-17-0 Man of the match: C E L Ambrose.

that AN Other, probably Steve Waugh, will bring the team to England this summer. Mark Waugh was the next report. Overall, the series, to go, offering Browne a catch off the inside edge when a ball from Walsh jagged back and kicked as well. Browne is not the world's best gloveman so one must salute him for the leap, far to his left, that

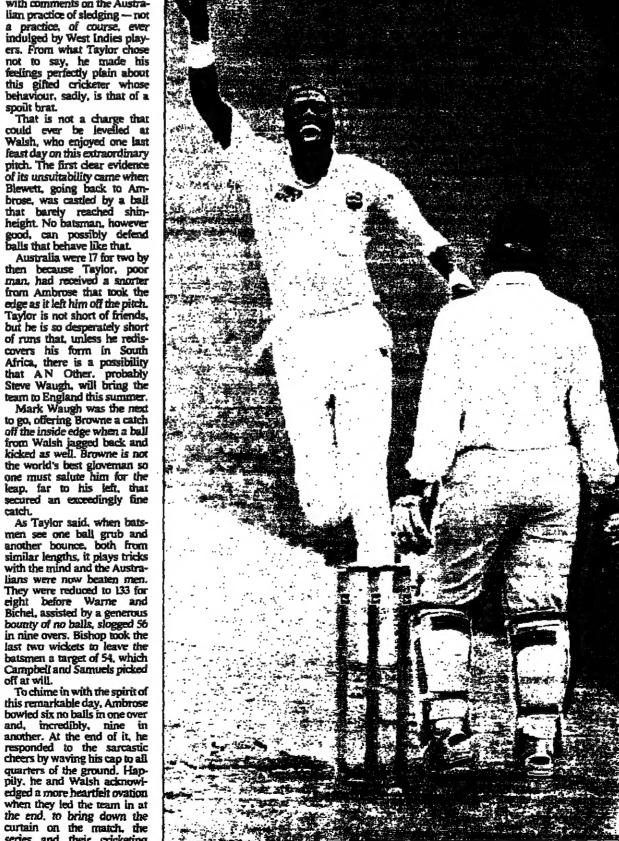
Taylor was telling no more than the truth when he called Lara "an antagonist". It was towards the Australia dress-

secured an exceedingly fine As Taylor said, when batsmen see one ball grub and another bounce, both from similar lengths, it plays tricks with the mind and the Australians were now beaten men. They were reduced to 133 for eight before Warne and Bichel, assisted by a generous bounty of no balls, slogged 56 in nine overs. Bishop took the

> batsmen a target of 54, which Campbell and Samuels picked off at will. To chime in with the spirit of this remarkable day, Ambrose bowled six no balls in one over and, incredibly, nine in another. At the end of it, he responded to the sarcastic cheers by waving his cap to all quarters of the ground. Hap-pily, he and Walsh acknowledged a more heartfelt ovation when they led the team in at the end, to bring down the curtain on the match, the series and their cricketing

days in Australia.

last two wickets to leave the



Ambrose celebrates taking the wicket of Taylor, the Australia captain, in Perth

SKIING

Fast finish secures title for Skaardal

way, became only the fifth man to defend his title successfully in the 60 years of the world championships when he won the super giant statom in Sestriere yesterday.

In the opening event, Skaardal, 30, finished 0.21sec ahead of his compatriot, Lasse Kjus, with third place going to Guenther Mader, of Austria. Luc Alphand, of France, the World Cup overall points leader and leader this season in both downhill and super giant slalom. finished twelfth in lmin 30.84sec.

Skaardal recorded a time of

ATLE SKAARDAL of Nor- 1:29.68 with Kjus finishing in 1:29.89 and Mader in 1:30.01 on the 2.325-metre (7.628-foot) slope with a vertical drop of 650 metres (2.166 feet).

The official clock showed that Skaardal was the quickest racer on the bottom, downhilllike part of the piste. However, he said that he skied better on the modestly technical upper

"I had a great feeling on the course," said Skaardal, who is appearing in his seventh world championships. "I was a little surprised, but I have skied well the last few weeks

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 49 **JACULIFEROUS**

(c) Possessing spines, like darts. From the Latin jaculum a dart or spine + ferous carrying, possessing, from fero, ferre, tuli, lanum I bear. This is a suitable epithet for a punk hairdo as observed

porcupining down the Portobello Road. UNDERGROPE (b) To conceive or understand. Readers may wish to make up their own exemplary citations for this word. But they are advised to keep them to themselves.

DIRHINOUS

(c) Having paired nostrils. As, for example, the human face. Everybody is dirhinous, but few know it. This is therefore a good word for the Insult Apparent, which sounds offensive but is mrerely a platitude. "Sir. you are a dirhinous mesomorpht" Similarly useful apparent insults are poriferous (with pores) and bimanal (baving two hands). STUPEFYING

(b) Inducing stupor, boring out of one's skull. As, for example, the music of Vrialdi or Scott Joplin, or Prime Minister's Question Time, If used in a sufficiently enthusiastic tone of voice ("My dear, your article is unterly stupefring), the word can be successfully confused in the listener's mind with stupendous. SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Always something there to remind you

segment is a necessary ingredient of continuing thrillers, I know. "Last week on Murder One ... " was enough, last year; to lift the stomach by an inch or two, and bring a faster pulse rate to the throat. But they are springing up everywhere now, in imitation of American networks, and it's starting to irritate. "Last week in Common as Muck..." says a disembodied voice, and we sit through a madly reductive recap of past events, wondering why we bothered spending an hour on them last week when they could be summed up so tritely. "She steals, Nev!" "I love her!" "She's dead!" "I'll show the whole lot of ya!" It's like watching the ten-minute Hamlet devised by Tom Stoppard.

Tragedy at double-speed is farce.

Presumably the idea is to inform new viewers and remind old ones, and there will come a gruesome day (mark my words) when short

advertisement break, and those of us with robust attention-spans willbe obliged to hang ourselves. For the meantime, however, we must accept that a well-structured forensic pathology drama such as McCalium (TV) must spell things out every ten minutes or so -"He's a doctor, and he's killing people!" "It's the Black Death all over againt Joanna's going to die isn't she? - just to provide

fodder for the recaps.

It was McCallum's fourth episode last night, and it was still terrific. McCallum himself (John Hannah) has certain Crucker qualities - apart from being Scottish, he is also always right. While the dull-witted police inspector (who's always sweating) holds hits of the deductive jiesaw limply in his big paws. McCallum efficiently snaps the pieces together, and asks, with eyes narrowed, mittently posting stock-still on so-"But what next?" The blessing is, fas, as if for a slow exposure.

that unlike Fitz in Cracker. McCallum uses medical science instead of mind-reading, and also unlike Fitz, he isn't clever principally for effect.

Like most viewers, I suspect, I was relieved that Dr Petit la dastardly womaniser) turned out not to be the Black Plague spreader in last night's story. Suspicion had been piled on him so heavily by cut-aways ("But what doctor would do such a thing?" Cut to Dr Petit, in white coat, reading a chart), it was a miracle he could still move his legs. In the end, however, Petit proved medical ace and hero of the hour, and I was glad.

A canwhile, on Channel 4, Casting Edge brought us Identical Twins, Rebecca Frayn's well researched set of interviewed pairs, filmed in the formerly innovative style of interREVIEW



Lynne Truss

Identical Twins hardly needed tricks, however. Visually, Tweedledums and Tweedledees are a pift of subject. As the twin Ken Dodd lookalikes said, in unison: "God has given us our entrance." You can't take your eyes off identical

twins. They're sponky.

I must say I quibbled with the fairground music, with its unnecessary hints of freak show. Otherwise, however, Identical Twins

explored questions of identity and separateness, and found its best story in David, a young professional photographer whose twin, John, had died of a brain turnour. David had always measured himself against John, competing with him fiercely, and on being left alone was now completely lost. When John first died, David couldn't look at himself in a mirror. His wife can't help; his only friend is another bereaved twin. Now David takes pictures of flowers, but always in twos. "I feel like the weaker half," he said, pitiably. "I really should have been

the one, and not John." The photography of Identical Twins was sumptuous and dreamy. If someone drove a car in sunlight, we saw trees and clouds reflected in the windscreen. It all added to the impression that these twins lived in a private, selfreflecting world. The best shot of all showed two young black

women painting each other's lips and giggling — a picture of uner trust and dependence: a picture complete in itself.

eremy Paxman was on top form in University Challenge (BBC2). The variety of inflections this splendid male specimen can tease from the simple word "No" is a lesson to drama students everywhere. Does he practise in the bath, I wonder. He can do pettish, astonished, and dismissive, the way other people do "mi-mi-mi" up the sharps and flats. This is a man who, by great good fortune. was never taught in infancy to disguise his disappointment.

One feels one should watch University Challenge once a year, if only to shout in pleasurable exasperation "It's Henri Cartier-Bresson, for heaven's sake! Education in this country is a joke!" and then feel instantly humbled when the students know lots of things

you don't. The students are quite dever, really. It's just a shame they always brighten up when asked to name football stadiums or identify passages from American movies. As my colleague Matthew Bond once pointed out, in the old days half the pleasure of University Challenge was watching the contestants look stumped and tweedy when low culture came up. They blinked like owls in their big specs, swots defeated by pop.

Nowadays the star is Paxman, anyway - or more precisely, Paxman's breaking point. He bullies a student into naming a famous Second World War Pacific battle, and when the faltering answer "Dogger Bank?" comes back, you think "This is it!" and close your eyes. Yes, it's a grand show. And spare a thought for the person crouching beside Jeremy's desk, taking the cards as he finishes with them. The worst job in television. I'd call it.

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Hill (1790182) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (227549) 6.00 News (T) and weather (655) 6.30 Newsroom South East (907) 7.00 Holiday Carol Smills is in New Orleans,

Kathy Tayler sends a postcard from Singapore and Kevin Woodford heads for fbiza. Plus: bargain breaks in a Scottish castle and romantic Florence (1) (4926) 7.30 Eastendars Lorraine tries to break disappointing news to Grant (T) (891) 8.00 Children's Hospital An operation on a sky-year-old girl with a rare heart con-

dition, which causes her to suffer dizzy spells (T) (7966) 8.30 The Detectives When the hapless duo

to have mysterious powers, strange things begin to happen (1) (2181) 9.00 News (1), Regional News and weather

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6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (457696) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (230810)

7,10 The Numbers Game How Britain's fishermen could outwit Spenish trawler-

7.40 Snooker: The Masters Alan McManus v Stave Davis (189433)



Jilly Goolden, Oz Clarke (8.30pm)

8.30 Food and Drink To pelebrate the 250th edition of the programme the team revisit the Fudding Club, whose members are all devoted to the great British dessert. Plus: Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarka. recommend some classic French wines

9.00 Geoff Hamilton's Paradise Gardens Geoff visits the spectacular Compton Acres in Dorset and a gerden in London, both of which have incorporated natural water features (T) (9075)

Skeleton Coast Benedict Allen sets off on the penulti-mate leg of his epic journey along the coast of Namibia, entering Damaraland, in the north (5/6) (1) (15723) 10.00 Grown Ups (1) (76346)

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(17292) 5.30-5.59 Film Education

Seriously Funny: An Argument for Comedy Channel 4, 9.00pm Howard Jacobson is a clever fellow and witty with it, but you sometimes feel that his over-elaborate sentences are more easily digested on the printed page than on the television screen. You keep needing to rewind the tape to make sure you have caught every meance. This means that his five-part discourse on comedy can be heavy going when the subject cries out for a light touch. When he starts by exploring the theory that comedy is an expression of our existential disappointment. you fear a difficult ride. But it is not all like this. After hitting easy targets, such as laughter-happy Christians, Jacobson comes nearer home with an unexpected spin on those kings of the politically incorrect, Bernard Manning and Chubby Brown. Perversely, Jacobson seems to like them.

BBC2, 9_30pm

Nobody would wish Benedict Allen any harm, but his 1,000-mile trek through the Namib desert continues to be a little short on incident. Or perhaps this smoothly-edited digest makes the journey seem easier that it is. The penultimate leg finds Allen particularly exposed should danger loom. He is alone except for his camels and out of radio contact. There is not even an unseen camera crew because Allen continues to film everything himself. But somehow the heavily-trailered hazards stay out of sight. Lions are heard but not seen and viewers will be disappointed not to make the acquaintance of a fearsome rhino called acquaintance of a rearsonic runn canada Max. Even the sometimes unruly camels behave themselves. But tune in next week because Allen promises that the final leg of the expedition is the hardest.

Inside Story: Megan's Law BBC1, 10,000m

Megan Kanka was the seven-year-old Appendix girl who gained an unwanted posthumous fame after she was raped and killed by a neighbour. Appalled to discover that the perpetrator was a convicted parents, Maureen and Richard, started a campaign to give people the right to know whether sex offenders were living in their midst. A law was passed in several states and the Kankas' efforts were publicly endorsed by President Clinton. But, as Nick Catilif's even-handed documentary reveals, not everybody supported what became known as Megan's law. It was criticised as unfair to paedophiles trying to rebuild their lives and a kneeperk reaction that would do little to protect children. that would do little to protect children. Maureen Kanka is unabashed. She wants the death penalty for Megan's killer and the law extended to every country.

Face to Face BBC2, 11.15pm

The film director Alan Parker is a workingclass how from London who has successfully hacked it in Hollywood, most recently with the screen version of Evina. He is also the the screen version of Evita. He is also the first person to appear on this series who is prepared to answer his interviewer back. When he thinks Sir Jereray Isaacs is being patronising, for suggesting that "genre" is not a word somebody like Alan Parker would normally use, he tells him so. It becomes something of a running gag, with Parker losing no opportunity to retaliate. Parker's love of playing the rough diamond conceals a formidable shrewdness, which isaacs tries to undermine at his peril. Two Parkerisms stand out. He describes film directing as a crash course in megalomania. and says his big fear is boring the audience, even for a single second. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1637075) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1731365) 9.55 Regional News (5889029) 10.00 The Time, The Place (23839) 10.30 This Morning (33069988) 12.20pm Regional News (6665723) 12.30 News (T) and weather (7521810) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (34679013) 12.55 Shortland Street (7619029) 1.25 Home

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much for Jan (T) (9094) 7.30 The Trouble With Kids: Why Are Children Neughty? The first in a new series on perenting focuses on why children learn to be naughty (87)

8.00 The BIN Datta is determined to get a conviction in a case of domestic vio But will the victim support her? (1) (8742) 8.30 Pet Power Anthea Tumer meets lasmine, a cat which saved its owner from a fire, and Mertin, a horse which helped a sick girl back to health (T) (4549)



McLeod and shepherd (9.00pm) 9.00 Peak Practice Will and Kate prepare to leave Cardale, With Simon Shepherd and Shelagh McLeod (T) (6425) 10.00 News (T) and weather (96100) 10.30 Regional News (7) (972297) 10.40 Network First: Igor, Child of

Chemobyl The story of eight-year-old Igor Pavlovets, one of the first children conceived in Belarus after the Chemobyl disaster. Although born severely to be littled with artifical limbs. A follow-up to this programme can be seen next week (1) (1) (138758)

11.40 Highlander (353758) 12.35am Collins And Maconie's Movie Club (7899940)

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12.30pm Here's One ! Made Earlier Greg Robinson tackles Chinese mushrooms, Jean Davies cooks up crispy neodles and Mark Wogan tries golden steam cake (r)

1.00 Cybill (r) (T) (24874655) 1,25 Land Above the Trees Life that thrives in the mountains well beyond the tree line

1.50 FILM: Storm Centre (1956, b/w) Drama with Bette Davis as a widow in a small New England town who becomes the victim of a vicious anti-communist

campaign. Also with Brian Keith. Directed by Daniel Taradash (1) (18089926) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (181) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (988) 4.30 Countdown (1) (100)

5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (7100) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (452) 6.00 Babylon 5 Londo becomes obligated to a powerful mercenary agent (r) (T) (959182)

6.50 Fresh Pop (216636) 7.00 Channel 4 News (I) (714617)

7.55 The People's Agenda (610723) 8.00 Wings: Bird Song and All That Jizz Film of Pat Sallars, whose hobby is to collect recordings of birdsong, at work; Rob Fuller tracks a nightingale in Suffolk; Bob Glover photographs waders in Nortolk; plus: how to use "jizz" to count birds on your patch (T) (6384)

8.30 Brookside Will Elaine give Mick an answer? Jimmy discovers that youth work isn't as easy as it looks (T) (5891)



Howard Jacobson (9.00pm)

9.00 Seriously Funny Howard Jacobson presents a rive-part series looking at comedy, beginning with an examination of the healing power of ighter (T) (8617)

10.00 FILM: Without Warning: The James Brady Story (1991) with Beau Bridges. Drama based on the story of Jim Brady. Ronald Reagan's attaché, who was shot when John Hinckley tried to assassinate the President Directed by Michael Toshiyuki Uno (T) (141891)

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New hope for 2006 tournament

Support for bid keeps England world in motion

By JOHN GOODBODY

ENGLAND'S hopes of stag-ing the 2006 World Cup rose yesterday when Fifa, the game's world governing body, confirmed that more than one country from a single continental football association could apply to stage the tournament.

A spokesman for Fifa added that the association would not give any additional weight to the bid by Germany because it has been backed by Uefa, the European body - an endorsement that has outraged Eng-land and surprised other

Keith Cooper, a Fila spokes-man, said: "It is quite clear in our regulations that each and every of the national associations is entitled to bid. We have never had a continental confederation doing this on their behalf and there is nothing foreseen in the statutes for this to happen this time. The decision is taken solely on the technical content of the bids submitted and how they correspond to the terms and requirements."

Germany has urged Uefa to choose one European candidate to avoid a damaging and expensive conflict similar to the one between South Korea and Japan for the right to host the 2002 World Cup, which resulted in them becoming

But Wolfgang Niersbach, the press officer of the German Football Association, hinted that his organisation had not realised that Uefa had parently already decided to back Germany. Speaking on Radio 5 Live, Niersbach said: We expect Uefa to make a decision but think there should only be one bid from each continent. We made our announcement in June 1993 and it was only after Euro 96 that we beard about the plan from the English Football

Association to host the World Cup. England organised an excellent tournament in 1996 and we respect their bid. But we expect the English FA should respect our bid as

Germany was the first country to announce its candidature for the tournament, but Fifa will not vote on who should host the 2006 World Cup until 2000. England delayed declaring its candida-ture until after the European championship last year, which made a record profit of

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in to the 2006 World Cup finals ME End of 1998; Fifa to send letters to all national associations, except those in Asia (where the 2002 finals are to be held), inviting bids.

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more than £60 million for

It is by no means certain that any European country will host the event, particularly since candidates have at least two years to apply. With France due to hold the 1998 World Cup, the 2006 tournament might go to South Amer-ica, which has not staged the competition since 1986 [Mexicol, or Africa, which has never

hosted the event. David Davies, the rootball Association's director of public affairs, said yesterday that he believed there had been an attempt to block England's bid. When asked why, he replied: "Because one or two people around the world rather more than that, particularly in Europe - have discovered the strength of the bid in

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the last few weeks." Davies added: "We ask for fairness, we ask for democracy.

We don't believe democracy is an optional extra. That really is the message of what we are saying." He said that there was no record of Uefa having held a vote to support Germany's bid. This was supported by the football associations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

David Bowen, the secretary of the Irish FA, said: "We have got the minutes of a number of meetings held by Uefa and we have never seen anything to indicate that the decision has been taken for Europe to back

It appears that the FA only realised that Uefa had apparently taken an unofficial decision when a fax was received at Lancaster Gate on Friday evening, after leading Uefa executives had been invited by John Major, the Prime Minister, to attend a lunch on February 12, the day England are due to play their World Cup qualifying march against Italy at Wembley. "When was this decision taken and where and by whom?" Davies asked "In a decision of this magnitude, we find it extraordinary that it was not publicly

Davies pointed out that Uefa officials, including Lennart Johansson, the president, were present on July 1 at the Royal Garden Hotel, London, when the FA announced it would be bidding also mentioned in speeches at the Hilton Hotel, on September 19, in a dirmer for Sir Bert Millichip, the retiring FA chairman, and on November 12 at another dinner in Geneva, which Uefa held to congratulate England on the success of Euro 96.

On both occasions, Gerhard Aigner, the general secretary, was present. Davies said: "No one pointed out that Uefa was backing Germany. It is perfectly possible that another country, such as Spain, may want to bid for 2006. Why shouldn't they? The voting is still three years away."

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Teen dream: Daniel Vettori, the 18-year-old left-arm spinner, contemplates the possibility of becoming New Zealand's youngest Test player on Thursday. He has been named in the squad to face England in the second Test in Wellington. England's image problem, page 50

of adding fizz to cups

SUGGESTIONS by Coca-Cola that the knockout cups that the firm sponsors in England and Scotland could be merged took the Football League by surprise yesterday. 'li's news to me," Andy Wil liamson, the League's assis-tant secretary, said last night.

A more likely alternative, and one which has already been mooted, has been for the two winners to play off in a Coca-Cola Super Cup. A full merger would be logistically difficult, to say the least.

"At this stage they are just ideas," Ian Muir, a Coca-Cola spokesman, said. "It's far too early to say what we will do. There were a number of ideas discussed before we signed the agreement with the English League, and they will also be on the agenda when we meet

the Scottish League." Coca-Cola last week agreed a new £6 million sponsorship deal with the Football League and is expected to renew its contract with the Scottish League shortly. Until that vote of confidence, the English competition's future had been questioned, with the expanding European football calendar putting increasing pressure on fixtures.

The loss of a Uefa Cup place for the winners is likely to increase the lack of entirusiasm for the competition among some of the leading FA Carling Premiership clubs. The League, however, is not yet reconciled to the loss of a European place, with sugges-tions from Uefs, the European governing body, that the European Cup Winners' Cup might expand, offering a possible alternative.

With Celtic suggesting last week that they would like to join the Premiership, merging the Coca-Cola competitions would be an interesting step but for that reason alone it is likely to find little favour in official circles.

Coca-Cola seeks way | Brittle opposition hardens

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

JOHN RICHARDSON, the president of the Rugby Foot-ball Union (RFU), said yesterday that the position of Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the union's executive committee, was becoming "less and less colleagues over his opposition to the agreement with England's senior clubs.

"Members were prepared to agree to his [Brittle's] request for further time for deliberation, trusting that he would stop publicly criticising and challenging decisions democratically reached by the governing body," Richardson said. "It would appear from his recent actions that his position as chairman of the executive and an officer of the union is becoming less and less tenable." In a letter to Brittle, he accused him of apparently trying to subvert the agreement and demanded that "this business must not be

allowed to fester on".

Brittle, a grim-visaged wit-

ness to the agreement signed at Twickenham on Saturday between the RFU and the chubs over the future organisation of the professional game. emphasised on television 24 hours later that only the first tion people should be asking is, who controls the game in England? Brittle said.
"Can it be a few individuals,

or is it the RFU through its membership? I do have the responsibility of making sure the professional game runs in harmony with the rest of the game, all those people who want to play for the fun of it. I fear there might be too much emphasis laid on the professional game, to the detriment of the others."

Yet Brittle knows that the management of the game's top. end must involve a degree of autonomy and, dare one say, trust that both clubs and the RFU seek a healthy and viable product. Richardson has given the game assurances that conthe agreement last Thursday only four voted against are themselves representatives of those clubs who play for

The committee also agreed that it should elect the executive chairman in future, as opposed to the nationwide vote that swept Brittle to power a year ago. That decision, however, could be thrown out by a special general meeting because it involves constitutional change.

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Shearer late show keeps dream bets alive and bookmakers sweating

ith 13 minutes re-maining of New-castle United's FA Carling Premiership match against Leicester City on Sun-day, William Hill, the bookmakers, finally allowed themselves a smile of satisfaction. Alan Shearer had not scored and that was about to

£300,000. Hills had, perhaps reckless-ly, offered odds of 500-1 before the start of the season against the England striker scoring a league goal against all 19 of Newcastle's Premiership op-ponents. They expected only moderate interest.

However, this was Shearer. and, even before the season had commenced, the odds had been slashed to 100-1, such was the weight of small bets taken at big odds. Before the match against Leicester. he had scored against 13 different clubs, with the East Midlands side next on the

The bookmakers, of course, relaxed too early, because a Shearer hat-trick in the final 13 minutes not only won the game for his side, but kept the incredible run going. Now he has only to score against five more clubs to turn those ambitious wagers into win-

ning ones.

Significantly, apart from a game against mid-table Sunderland, his job looks to have been made somewhat simpler because the other goals are required against the bottom four in the Premiership -

David Maddock on the novelty football wager that needs five goals to succeed

ton, West Ham United and Nottingham Forest. "It is just our luck," Graham Sharpe, of Hills, said. Shearer's next match will be

in an England shirt, against Italy. and then it is West Ham. However, punters who believe the Geordie will complete the improbable task are too late to get on with Hills now. "He would be down to 6-I to complete it but we have closed the book because it

would just give us even great-er liabilities," Sharpe said. "We stand to lose nearly a third of a million pounds if he does it and one punter will pick up EIS,000. He is already smiling because he had £500 on Shearer to score a hat-trick

he has already picked up £7,000." The idea for the bet came when Hills' odds compilers were casting around before

on Sunday at odds of 14-L. So

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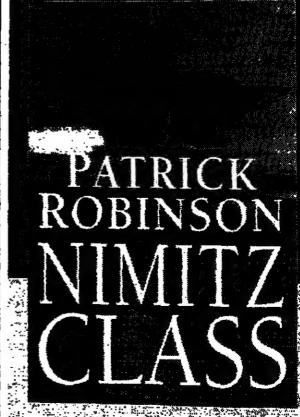
maintain betting interest after the success of the European championship. "We never thought he could do it, so we gave generous odds because as far as we know, no player in modern times has scored against every other club," Sharpe added.

For the record, the closest any player has come to scor-ing against all opponents in a season in the top flight was Dixie Dean, in 1927-28. However, his 60 goals that season did not include one against West Ham United.

"There has been incredible in the North East, Sharpe said. "We don't know if Mr Shearer himself has had a punt but, judging by the way he dispatched that free kick against Leicester, I think he might have. If he keeps it going until the last game, against Nottingham Forest, we'll certainly be sweating." Sharpe is still able to take

some solace, even though Shearer must now score against only the weakest teams in the Premiership. "At least they will be trying to stop him, because they are desperate to survive, but whether they are good enough is a different matter." Sharpe said.

Interestingly, Shearer's strike partner at Newcastle. Les Ferdinand, was also still on course to achieve the feat, until he failed to score against Leicester on Sunday. He had also not scored in the first game against the club on October 26.



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